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## **Council to** continue charities' subsidy

THOUSANDS of pounds of business rates will continue to be paid on behalf of char-

to be paid on behalf of char-ities and not-for-profit organisations in Dudley after council chiefs voted to keep covering the cost. More than 300 organisa-tions across the borough will benefit from the scheme, which was approved by members of the cabinet after a review.

## Hospice

Members agreed to cover £240,000 worth of business

rates. Among the charities to receive the support is Stour-bridge-based Mary Stevens Hospice. It will save them an estimated £20,000 a year. The council carried out a review to see if cutbacks could be made as it battles to save millions of pounds over the next three years. But it was proposed that the council continue to offer the same level of support as previous years.

vious years.

Members voted to make an amendment to the current policy to award enti-tlements for one financial year at a time, rather than indefinitely, as is the current

position. Mandatory relief already covers 80 per cent of business rates for charities and amateur sports clubs, which is funded half by the council and half by the Government.

## **Shoppers** park free

FREE car parking is being offered to shoppers in Dudley on the next two Saturdays before Christmas.

Charges are being suspended in all council-run car parks in town contresseroes.

pended in all council-run car parks in town centres across the Dudley borough on December 14 and 21 to encourage more shoppers to buy locally. Transport boss Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said: "The festive season is a busy time for everyone and we want to help local businesses and shoppers as much as we can."

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## **Report by Alex Ross**

GINNY was sipping cocktails in the sun on a holiday in Benidorm with husband Colin when she received the first shot of devastating news.

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"Ginny, I've got some bad news, I've got cancer," said her best friend and neighbour Maggie over the phone. "The routine scan showed up a tumour, I'm now getting the breast removed." The news hit her like a hammer blow. Then her thoughts turned to the results of her own mammogram, carried out before the holiday.

Her worst fears were realised when she returned home to Brierley Hill. There, on the kitchen cabinet, were two letters from Russells Hall Hospital. "I knew straight away, there was not any doubt in my mind," says the 53-year-old.

"After what happened to Maggie and the letters at home, I knew, I just knew. My husband

**People voice** 

opposition

to bus cuts

DON'T touch the Ring and Ride service or increase fares for children. That was the message from people in Dudley who turned out to have their say about plans to cut £14 million from the budget for buses and trams.

Transport authority Centro has taken to the road to get the public's view on the pro-posals and stopped off in Dudley town centre on Saturday

Retired building site manager Peter

Retired building site manager Peter Beale, 68, from Rennison Drive, Wombourne, said: "Things like Ring and Ride are a tremendous help to thousands of people in the region. The bus, train and tram are lifelines to many elderly people. These are very worrying times for all of them.

Lawson Reynolds, 80, from Cedar Avenue, Coseley, who uses the bus and tram with wife Marie at least three times a week, said: "It would be wrong to increase the fares of children. They are our future and it could mean big problems for some in getting to school."

The biggest relief to many of the visitors

to school."
The biggest relief to many of the visitors to the Centro mobile display in Stone Street Square was that concessionary free bus passes for those currently eligible would not be affected by the cut.
West Midland Pensioners Convention representatives w warned: "We have real concerns over the future of Ring and Ride."

Colin tried to tell me it was nothing but a check on a cyst but I knew.
"It was awful, a real week from hell, it felt like everything was coming down around me."

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Ginny Weaver's fears were confirmed when she had a biopsy at the hospital and a further meeting with a specialist who delivered the devastating news that she had a tumour on her breast bone.

Meanwhile, Maggie Taylor by this stage had taken the option for a mastectomy, deciding to have the breast removed rather than risk her tumour growing further.

## Crying

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The 66-year-old had been called for an appointment at Russells Hall Hospital following her mammography, taken a week before Ginny's. Following further tests, she too had been told the news by a specialist. "I thought the world had stopped. I was there with my friend Anne Hewitt, and we broke down together, both of us crying. It was terrible," she said.

Maggie was then taken home in Planet Road, Brierley Hill, to her husband Barry.

"I walked in and told him and he broke down too. He says 'we will get through it,

"I walked in and told him and he broke down too. He says 'we will get through it, we have to'. But we cried all that first night, the next day too. I was in shock for a couple of weeks, it was always there in the back of my mind."

When she found out Ginny also had breast cancer, she was further saddened. "I couldn't believe it. Three doors apart and a fortnight between the two of us," she said.

But as they begin treatment, the friends say their relationship has strengthened as they set out determined to battle the disease together.

This week both women went through

This week both women went through their third chemotherapy sessions. The pair accompany each other, being taken in the car by Ginny's husband Colin.



Friends and neighbours Maggie Taylor, left and Ginny Weaver, both diagnosed with breast cancer

Their treatment will end early next year

Their treatment will end early next year and more tests will then be carried out to discover if the cancer has gone.

Maggie, a retired assembly worker from Bird Stevens in Quarry Bank, said: "This is something we have to do. We have to stay positive and do it together.

"We have lost our hair and she has given up work, but we have kept our friendship, and it has strengthened. That is important right now."

Ginny, who hopes to return as a senior supervisor at The Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill, said: "We are unlucky but lucky we have each other for support. We have both started well and we're really hopeful we can get through this."

Last week, Maggie's brother-in-law, Les Taylor, aged 56, took part in a charity head-shave with friend Dennis Andrews at The Rose and Crown in Brierley Hill to raising £1,500 for Breast Cancer Research.

## Heating helpline calls are soaring

THE number of calls to a helpline offering support to people struggling to keep their homes warm have shot up by 50 per cent.

Dudley Council has seen a cheep in its people seen to be a seen a contract.

sharp rise in people contact-ing its winter warmth service since October.

There have 162 calls and

requests during the past two months date, compared with just 50 during the same period last year.

## **Fears**

Rising energy bills and fears about severe winter weather have led to more people seeking help, says council bosses.

The service was set up two years ago in a bid to reduce the number of people who died as a result of being cold in their homes.

It is estimated there are

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around 200 such deaths in the borough a year.
Portable heaters, blankets and hot water bottles are provided thorough crisis funding, while people are assisted with their energy debts and helped to switch to the cheapest supplier.
The scheme also arranges for local 'befriending' services to make regular visits to people who may be at risk of

people who may be at risk of becoming isolated during cold weather.

Contact Dudley's winter warmth helpline on 01384

## **Motorist** is charged

A WOMAN arrested after a car was allgedly driven the wrong way on the M5 has been charged with dangerous driving. Katy Homer from Clent View Road, Colley Gate, is due to appear at Warley Magistrates Court on January 9.

She will face that charge along with a further charge of driving while under the influence of alcohol. It is alleged the 26-year-old care worker drove towards

worker drove towards oncoming traffic along a stretch of the M5 in the early hours of December 4

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## **Old fashioned Christmas has growing appeal**

THESE days the festive season means homes are full of the latest gadgets and flashing LED lights. But a traditional Christmas, where families gather around a roaring fire and stockings are lined up on the hearth, can still be found here in the Black Country.

Historic venues in the area say they are experiencing a rush of people hankering to swap the stress of a modern day Christmas for the warm glow of an old fashioned yuletide.

Whether it's the 'Downton Abbey effect' or the

Whether it's the 'Downton Abbey effect' or the weariness of Christmas shoppers tired of traips-

ing the shops, the appeal of the vintage Christmas is growing. Carols around the fireside and eating mince pies by candlelight – places where these are on offer are proving very popular with families. The Black Country Living Museum in Dudley is offering people the chance to see what Christmas was like before the arrival of late night shopping, games consoles and multi-channel TV. From December 19 to 23, there will be bellringers, carol singers, street organs and a brass band, all performing against the backdrop of

band, all performing against the backdrop of thecandlelit Victorian village.

Lucy Wakelin, director of communications at the Tipton Road attraction, said: "Stepping back in time brings a certain kind of magic to the nor-mally frantic days before Christmas – time out for

all the family to enjoy the run up to the big day."
Festive foods are also being served up, including handmade fudge, hot roasted chestnuts, toffee apples and, of course, real ale and mulled

wine.
Tickets cost £15.50 for adults, £12.50 for senior citizens and £7.45 for young people and must be pre-booked, Call 0121 557 9643.

## Little Star Jake fights cancer with bravery

YOUNG Jake Ballinger's parents thought he was suffering from a nasty bout of flu when he

was not his usual chirpy self.

But when doctors ordered a series of tests they were left stunned when it was revealed that he had developed

stunned when it was revere leukaemia. However, the six-year-old schoolboy from Kingswinford now faces a brighter future and has been recognised for his bravery by a cancer charity.

Jake, who attends Glynne Primary School, was diagnosed with leukaemia in March this year and has suffered osteoprorsis as a side

fered osteoporosis as a side effect of his treatment.

## Awards

Awards

He is facing his ordeal with such bravery that his mother Rachel put him forward for one of Cancer Research UK's Little Star awards. The awards celebrate the courage of all children who confront cancer and are backed by famous names, including pop sensation Emeli Sande and Wolverhampton-born soul singer Beverley Knight, who is starring in West End musical The Bodyguard. Jake's symptoms began last Christmas when the whole Ballinger family went down with flu and Jake, then five, seemed to be suffering particularly badly.

But his 'flu' didn't clear up and he didn't want to walk to school because it made his legs ache. When he developed swelling in his back and chest, his parents Rachel and Mark Ballinger Payselle.

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Mark Ballinger took
to Dudley's Russells and

him to Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital. Jake was referred to Birm-ingham Children's Hospital where doctors initially sus-pected an infection. He was given a series of blood tests and eventually sent to spe-cialists for a bone marrow

"They said 'Have you ever heard of leukaemia?'" said heard of leukaemia?'" said Mrs Ballinger. "Well I'd

by Andrew Turton

heard of it but I never expected it in my child.
"It was a total shock when we got a diagnosis of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia. The good news is that it was a low risk type," she explained.

Jake has been through the

Jake has been through the intensive phase of his chemotherapy and now faces lower dose 'mainte-

races lower dose 'mainte-nance' therapy until 2015.

"During the worst part of the treatment he was completely wiped out and in hospital. He lost loads of weight and of course he lost his hair.

There was one occasion There was one occasion when he said 'I don't want to be me', but apart from that he has borne it all with such

he has borne it all with such bravery.

"Jake is high on life now that the worst is over. His hair's grown back, his eyes shine and he's got his sparkle back.

"He has to be very careful about physical activity because he has osteoporosis as a result of his chemother-apy but the doctors say that is a temporary thing."

is a temporary thing."
When Jake received his When Jake received his Little Star award he took it to school and showed it to everyone in assembly. His twin sister Charlotte and brother Jamie, eight, also received certificates in recognition of the support they have given to Jake.

Jane Redman, Cancer Research UK West Midlands spokesperson, said: "Jake is a true Little Star and richly deserves this award. It is lovely to see him doing so

lovely to see him doing so To nominate a child for a

Little Little Star award www.cruk.org/littlestar

Family run Est since 1978



Brave six-year-old Jake with his mother Rachel, and top, from left, his twin sister Charlotte, Jane Redman from Cancer Research and his brother, Jamie, aged 8

## **Fast food** giant in bid for approval

FAST food giant McDonald's is making a fresh bid for planning permission for a £200,000 revamp of one of its restaurants, in a move that could create jobs.

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Bosses want to create a dual lane drive-thru and overhaul the car park at the site in Bromsgrove Road, Halesowen. But council offi-

Halesowen. But council offi-cers had concerns about the scheme and originally refused to give the go-ahead. Now the restaurant has submitted a revised set of proposals, which bosses say would reduce waiting times for customers and help to cut noise and congestion

## Information

Around five jobs will be created on top of 15 already provided by the restaurant extending its opening hours. Planners at Dudley Council had refused their first application after they said the fast food giant failed to provide enough information on noise levels and how the new layout would work. McDonald's now says it

the new layout would work.

McDonald's now says it
has launched a new bid to
get approval for the project.

A spokesman said: "The
planning officer requested a
couple of minor changes;
mainly that we conduct a
tree survey and also install
an improved acoustic fence.

"We've accented both

'We've accepted both these comments but the pro

these comments but the proposed scheme otherwise remains the same.

"The dual lane drive-thru, and reconfiguration of the car park represents a significant investment, through which we expect to reduce waiting times, noise and congestion, and create in the region of five jobs."

Bosses said the 'side-by-side ordering' would reduce the build up of cars.
Two residents in nearby Grange Road had objected to the original plan.

## **Memory tree** is to be lit up

PEOPLE can help raise money for a charity while remembering dece-loved ones at Christmas

loved ones at Christmas.
Age Concern Stourbridge & Halesowen are holding a switch-on event for their memory tree tomorrow, Friday. It will take place at the Elton Centre in St John's Road, Stourbridge, from 4pm. Attending the ceremony will be the Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Alan Finch, and Stourbridge MP Margot James.

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## **Tributes to** a prolific goalscorer

A FOOTBALLER who notched up hundreds of goals during a glittering amateur career on the pitch has died at the age of 39.

Former Tipton Town striker Brendan Pugh had a trial at current Championship club Watford but did not want to leave the area where he made his name as a prolific goal-scorer with blistering pace.

He died at home December 3 after a long illness. His wife Nicola, 36, led tributes poured in from the footballing fraternity including from the president of his former club Tipton Town. Tipton

## Нарру

Father-of-two Mr Pugh, who lived with his family in Hope Road, Tipton, started as a youth at Halesowen Town and during his playing career had been at Willenhall, Stourbridge, Oldbury, Darlaston, Tividale, Toll End and Tipton Town.

Nicola said: "Everybody admired him because of how good he was, nobody ever

admired him because of how good he was, nobody ever knocked him. The only thing people would have said was he should have pushed harder and gone further, but he was happy where he was. "He didn't want to travel, he liked his comfort zone. We were once offered a relocation to Canada through his work but he said he wasn't ready to give up football and

ready to give up football and he would miss his mum and

West Bromwich Albion West Bromwich Albion season ticket holder Mr Pugh, who ran the Rising Sun pub in Tipton for eight years as well as being an electrician, would follow the Baggies across the country with two boys Danny, 17, and Reece, aged 13.

At his funeral last week he was to be carried in a blue was to be carried in a blue

was to be carried in a blue and white striped coffin with the club's crest on.

the club's crest on.
John Cross, president and chairman at Tipton Town, where Mr Pugh remains one of their highest-ever scorers with more than 120 goals, said: "He was a brilliant footballer and very outgoing. He was a very quick player, which is why he scored so many goals."

## Armed robber

A RAIDER armed with a gun and knife demanded cash in a raid on a bookmakers in the Black Country. The raid happened at William Hill in Queen's Road, Smethwick, on Saturday at 8.20pm. No shots were fired and the robber fled empty-handed.

Last Thursday robbers struck at Co-op stores in Regent Road, Tividale, and Penn Road, Wolverhampton.

## Pet ban for couple who left dog to suffer

"I WAS poorly" – that was an alcoholic's response to an RSPCA inspector who found his dog suffering from severe mange.

Mark Taylor, 37, and his wife Billy, 39, have been banned from keeping animals for life after failing to provide veterinary care for their dog Tammy.

They both also received 10-week prison sentences, suspended for 12 months, and were placed under supervision for a year.

Mark Taylor was put on a six-month alcohol treatment plan while Billy Taylor was placed on a 21-day activity requirement. Both were ordered to pay £500 court costs.

The pair pleaded guilty to causing unnec-

The pair pleaded guilty to causing unnecssary suffering to a protected animal.

Sandwell Magistrates Court on Friday of infection. It would have been obvious to heard that the couple from Lye had taken the Staffordshire bull terrier to the PDSA pain and desperately required treatment."

with demodectic mange last October.
They took the dog to two further appointments in December and January but did not return despite being asked to by the vets.
In April RSPCA inspectors visited their home in Connops Way and found the dog under a blanket with severe mange.

Mrs Garner Sutton, precenting for the

Mrs Gaynor Sutton, prosecuting for the RSPCA, told the hearing the dog was taken to be examined by an independent vet. She said: "The vet described it as one of the worst cases they have ever seen. The dog was systematically ill and in pain as a result

## **Appointments**

In interview, Mark Taylor said he was too poorly to take the dog to appointments.

Mrs Sutton said: "What is clear is that the condition has been ongoing from October the previous year. Some treatment has been given by PDSA but defendants failed to keep appointments and get medication."

appointments and get medication.
"There was a period of prolonged neglect, with some attempts to get the dog treated, but it was wholly inadequate."

Mrs Dawn Foxall, defending the couple,

said both are unemployed and claiming benefits and Mark Taylor is an alcoholic.

The dog was purchased for Billy Taylor by Mark Taylor as an engagement present in June 2011.

June 2011. June 2011.

Mrs Foxall said: "It has to be accepted that they took some steps to try and address the condition, they didn't go far enough. They missed appointments. The condition cleared up but they didn't appreciate that this was something which would return with vengeance." with vengeance.

The two-year-old dog has since recovered and is to be re-homed

Mrs Foxall added: "They are both gen-uinely remorseful."

## Crisis as horses being tied up and left to die

their posts with authorities struggling to

cope, says a Black Country MP. The RSPCA and councils are being swamped with calls over the problem but suspect there could be even more cases

over the problem but suspect there could be even more case which are not being reported through fears of reprisals from aggressive owners.

The issue has been raised in Parliament amid mounting concern that cash-strapped councils are being inundated with calls and unable to deal with tethered horses

horses.

One animal welfare officer in the Black Country has revealed that as many as three calls can be made about wild horses in a single

## Health

Seven horses were found by the RSPCA last week – five of them near Fens Pool in Brierley Hill, the other two in Wolverhampton.

two in Wolverhampton.
Four of the horses found in Brierley Hill had to be put down because they were in such poor health.
The Government says Parliament is currently working on a new law that will require owners of 'fly-grazed' horses to remove or sell them or be charged with sell them or be charged with a criminal offence.

a criminal offence.

The pledge was made after
Pat McFadden, MP for
Wolverhampton South East
said the problem is a
common one across the
Pledk Country. common one across the Black Country. Dudley Council alone spent more than £150,000

over two years to round up

Mr McFadden said exist-ing legislation to tackle the problem was not working and that the government

needed to give more support to councils.

He said: "In many parts of the Black Country, specifi-cally around the Bilston and Bradley areas of my con-stituency, it is common to see horses grazing on aban-doned former industrial

Forgotten, unwanted or too injured to be of any use, horses cost more to humanely put to sleep than they would make by being

they would make by being sold.

It leaves the RSPCA and animal welfare officers collecting them from parts of the Black Country and, in many cases, having to immediately put them out of their misery:

misery.
There are calls from council leaders and an MP for urgent action to deal with "fly-grazing" amid reports that animals have been found in appalling conditions – in some cases ditions – in some cases already dead and still teth-

already dead and still tethered to ropes.
Fens Pool Nature Reserve in Pensnett, Dudley, is a particular problem spot.
RSPCA inspector Jackie Hickman said four of the horses found in Brierley Hill were in such poor health they had to immediately be put to sleep. put to sleep.
Inspector Hickman said:

"It can cost more to deal with these animals than the owners would get for selling



RSPCA inspector Jackie Hickman with Skippy, one of the horses rescued from a bleak fate in the Black Country

top or.

It has cost taxpayers in Dudley borough £150,000 since 2011 to remove the abandoned horses and either

vear, three animals were spotted wandering along Pensnett High Street, forcing drivers to slow down

RSPCA inspector Jackie Hickman with Skippy, one of the horses rescued from a bleal are becoming a dumping ground for these poor horses. "Equine shelters are at the point where they are overwhelmed.

Cost

"I am very saddened by what's happening. We work with authorities like Dudley Council but it is an extremely difficult situation to stay on top of."

It has cost taxpayers in year, and the stream of the horses rescued from a bleat are resourced from a bleat on the high way. The work were to single previously had to chase off strays and been forced to put up fencing to keep animals at bay.

Three years ago horses were taken away in the borough over two years. She said: "The police have legal powers to remove public open space or private land such as Fens Pool and were the point of the point with the point where they are over the point where they are too injured.

Three years ago horses were found grazing on playing fields at Brook primary School, Wordsley.

Roaming horses have land such as Fens Pool and such as Fens Po Unfortunately these same horses may be impounded in police powers do not apply on targeted actions at appropripublic open space or private at times." land such as Fens Pool Intimidation from owners

allow their animals to roam free are doing so illegally. "We have a long-standing,

Wood said 300 stray horses were taken away in the tried and tested arrange-borough over two years.

She said: "The police have ment agency which posts legal powers to remove warning notices stating that horses from the highway.

"As this land is not designated by the council as grazing land for horses, irresponsible horse owners who

## MP urges use of heating helpline

DUDLEY North MP Ian
Austin has called on residents to take advantage of
energy schemes to help
heat their homes.
New research from
Home Heat Helpline
shows that 118,000 households in the Black Country
are eligible for assistance
from their energy supplier
with heating their homes.

are engine for assistance from their energy supplier with heating their homes. In total 26 per cent of homes in the Black Country are entitled to relief from energy companies. Households that qualify include low income pensioners, disadvantaged families with children or those with a disability. Mr Austin MP said: "Annual energy bills have gone up by £300 a year since 2010. The best way for people in the Black Country to prepare right now is to call the Home Heat Helpline on 0800 33 66 99 to see if they're eligible for assistance."

## **UKIP** announce council candidate

WORDSLEY born and raised businessman Paul Brothwood, aged 30, has been announced as the UKIP candidate for Word-sley in next May's Dudley Council elections.

Council elections.
Chairman of Dudley and
Halesowen UKIP, Bill
Etheridge said: "Paul is
one of the exciting new
generation of UKIP candidates that we expect to
take the council elections
by storm in May."
UKIP will contest every
Dudley Council seat.

## Family carols in town arts centre

CHRISTMAS Together in Netherton will be cele-brated at Netherton Arts Centre on Saturday, and admission is free. The event from 7pm will

The event from 7pm will feature community carols for the family. Local schoolchildren will be per-forming. Refreshments will be available. The musical event is being organised by Churches Together In Netherton.

## Festive theme at church's concert

CHUICH'S CONCERT
FESTIVE music and
poems will feature at a
Christmas coffee concert
at Halesowen Parish
Church on Saturday at
10.15am. There will be
vocal and instrumental
music, poems and readings given by members
and friends of the church.
The concert is free to









ANYONE else puzzled at the Government's eagerness to get people with dementia diagnosed as quickly as possible? The latest weapon in the campaign is a dementia map showing which parts of Britain are good, having the highest numbers of patients diagnosed by doctors, and which areas are bad for identifying fewer sufferers. Call me awkward but if felt the mist descending in my head, I'd be inclined to move to one of the bad areas pretty damn quick. Most types of dementia cannot be cured and having the Dword stamped on your medical records can ruin your life on many levels, from losing your driving licence to being refused travel insurance. I bet millions of folk see no point in a diagnosis until there is some hope of a cure. Just put me down as "a bit forgetful," thanks.

BY CHANCE, in the week that the Government urged us to take Alzheimer's more seriously, my local sweetshop showing which parts of Britain are good, having the highes

to take Alzheimer's more seriously, my local sweetshop started selling Senior Moment Memory-Loss Mints.

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AIR Vice-Marshal Elaine West, Britain's most senior female officer, says that one day a woman may head the armed forces. I seem to recall a woman did exactly that, a while ago. Twin-set, pearls, handbag? Come to think of it, for a few years Britain's armed forces were commanded by two women. The one with the handbag and the one with the crown.

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ONE of the saddest news reports of the past few days was the discovery of a cannabis farm in the old Drakelow Tunnels near Kidderminster. It was the latest indignity heaped on a place which is a national treasure deserving of protected status. The tunnels were built in the Second World War as a factory producing aircraft engines in bomb-proof work-shops deep in the solid rock. In the Cold War, the tunnels became "The Hole," the regional-government bunker from which, if the worst happened, the Midlands would be fed, watered, healed and governed. I spent a week-long exercise down there in the early 1980s when it was throbbing with life as Home Office scientists, weathermen, military officers, cops and fire chiefs planned for nuclear war. Other bunkers have been saved but Drakelow lies neglected, vandalised have been saved but Drakelow lies neglected, vandalised and latterly used for growing hash. In its own way it is as important to our island story as the caverns below Dover Castle or Churchill's war bunker. It deserves better than this.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

## **Expansion plans at four** schools after baby boom

PLANS to expand four schools in Sandwell to deal with the borough's baby boom have been backed by parents and residents.

Nearly 750 school places will be created when work gets under way to expand Ferndale Primary School in Great Barr, Holy Trinity CE Primary School in Oldbury and Reddal Hill Primary School in Cradley Heath.

Call to knock

lands have to expand to cope with increased demand following a surge in

the population. Council bosses

## Call to knock down Arthur

A FORMER mayor hopes an empty landmark pub in Dudley is demolished because it is becoming an

eyesore. The King Arthur pub on the corner of the Birming-ham Road and Priory Road has been closed for more than two years and this autumn it was refused the protection of listed status by English Heritage because of

## Developer

Councillor Ken Finch said he now hoped that decision would pave the way for the site to be redeveloped. He said: "We're waiting on the developer to put forward a planning applica-tion to redevelop the pub. The sooner the better."

Dudley Council made an order earlier this year that any work to demolish the any work to demolish the pub would need a full plan-ning application.

## Festive welcome at senior citizens centre



Volunteers Barbara Howell, Anne Chance, Mary Ryder, and Councillor Jill Nicholls at Halesowen Senior Citizens Centre

A SENIOR citizens centre in Hale-sowen is appealing for new visitors to call in and enjoy what it has to offer in the run up to Christmas. The centre is

running special festive events includ-ing a carol sing-a-long this Saturday. Belle Vale councillor and supporter of the Andrew Road centre, Jill

Nicholls said: "Anyone over the age of 55 who is retired is welcome to come and support the centre. The volunteers provide, a warm, and friendly centre, welcome to all, open Monday to Friday from 10am until 3pm."

The centre is also opening on Christ-mas Eve.

Is at Halesowen Senior Citizens Centre
A plaque has been unveiled at the
centre in memory of Mrs Elsie
Maybury who was central to its success
during her 15 years as co-ordinator.
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## Chores may have saved mother as car smashed into her porch

when a car collided with a van and flipped over into the porch of her house - causing bricks to fly into her lounge where she would

ormally have been taking a nap.

The black Vauxhall Corsa careered into the front of the house on Harvest Road, Rowley Regis, at around 11.20am on Monday, Its driver, a man in his late teens, is believed to have hit a parked white Vauxhall van as he drove down Harvest Road's hill.

The car then hit a wooden post, went through a brick wall and smashed into the porch, sending debris flying.

A brick flew through the front driver's side window of the neighbour's black Ford Escort RS Turbo. No one was inside at the time.

at the time.

But a larger coping stone from the wall flew through the front window of the house and landed next to the sofa where resident Wendy Warrender, who has suffered three strokes, would normally take a daily nap.

The 57-year-old mother-of-three decided to 'potter around' instead as she was not feeling as tired as she normally does at that time.

Her decision to clean the windows in her kitchen before putting the Christmas tree up in her porch may have spared her more serious injury.

## Hospital

Hospital

She said: "When it happened all I heard was glass breaking and thought my Rottweiler may have knocked the cabinet over. I came into the lounge and saw it.
"The coping stone came in just where my head would usually be if I'd taken a nap. I could have been killed."
The driver suffered cuts and bruises and was taken to Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital for precautionary checks. Fire crews doused the drive with water before leaving the scene as petrol had leaked from the black Vauxhall Corsa while it was on its side.

Structural engineers were also sent to the house to ensure there was no lasting impact. Windows were boarded up as several panes were shattered.



wley Regis woman had a lucky escape when a car crashed in to her porch and broke loounge windows



## Craft group has a town centre shop

town centre shop
A SOCIAL enterprise, which helps adults recovering from mental illness, has moved to a new town centre shop and workshop at King Street in Dudley.
Local law firm Higgs & Sons Solicitors, assisted Woodside Crafts with its move. Previously based at the Woodside Day Centre, it involves people in making wooden items and garden furniture for sale.
Richard Griffiths, an associate solicitor in Brierley Hill-based Higgs' corporate department, has been acting as a mentor to the group since February as part of the law firm's commitment to supporting social enterprises.

Dementia support

## **Dementia support** earns NHS praise

A DEMENTIA support service used by more than 1,000 people has been highly commended by the NHS.

Dudley Dudley Council's dementia gateway service received the praise from the national NHS Dementia Partnership Challenge for its innovation.It provides help to 1,300 people and aims to help people stay at home for longer.

## Old canal bridge is made stronger

A 170-year-old bridge that A I'0-year-old bridge that has undergone major safety work has been reopened. Major strength-ening work has been carried out on Brades Hall Canal Bridge in Dudley Road East, Oldbury.



## **NEWS FEATURE**

## IN MY VIEW FORMER Home Secretary

Jack Straw says 'there is never a good time to increase MPs' pay'. Too right there's not. So let's make sure it never happens.

make sure it never happens.

ON a more serious note, the fact that two-thirds of MPs think that they are underpaid says much about the make-up of the House of Commons today.

Not so long ago, few people saw politics as a career. It was a hobby, an outside interest

hobby, an outside interest, something that people did to give something back to the com-munity towards the end of their

munity towards the end of their careers.

Then along came Tony Blair, who said that being an MP was a full-time job, and it was wrong that they had outside interests. It might have sounded a good idea at the time, but we now have a generation of politicians who go straight from the students' union disco to the corridors of power, and think because they work full-time they are entitled to

power, and think because they work full-time they are entitled to the same salary as a GP.
There was a lot to be said for the days of modestly paid, partime MPs with a wealth of life experience.

AND now for something completely different. Just when you thought you had seen it all, up pops John Wood who thinks he has spotted a gap in the market

pops John Wood who thinks he has spotted a gap in the market for a dating agency targeted purely at Monty Python fans.

Mr Wood, who is 53, has been looking for love ever since his wife left him over his obsession with the comedy series.

"Python is such an important and central part of my life which has even shaped the way I see the world, I can't imagine it being possible to be in a relationship with someone who doesn't get

possible to be in a relationship with someone who doesn't get Python," he explained.
"I am hoping that, out there somewhere, is a gorgeous 30-something, Python-quoting single lady."
Not asking for much, is he? Talk about life imitating art.
Maybe he will take the lead of Python's Simon Zinc-Trumpet-Harris, and find himself in a fulfilling relationship with 'a very ing relationship with 'a very attractive table lamp', and no doubt the wedding will be spectagular.

tacular.

Silly walks up the aisle, walking out to the Lumberjack song, and Spam sandwiches at the reception. What more could a girl ask for?

girl ask for?

HAVE you noticed its been getting a bit nippy lately? Could be something to do with the extreme temperatures that have been sweeping the South Pole.

New data reveals that the coldest ever temperature recorded on earth came in August 2010, when it plunged to -135.8 deg F (-94.70). Then on July, 31, this year, it came close again, dropping to -135.3 deg F (-92.9C).

Clearly, something needs to be done about global warming.







## What will Jane bring to Poundland table?

With the opening of Poundland's 500th store, star baker JANE ASHER hopes to change perceptions about the discount retailer

SHE WAS once the envy of practically every teenage girl in the Western world when she was the girlfriend of former

was the girlfriend of former Beatle Paul McCartney. Jane Asher, actress, author, baker and for many, an icon of the swinging 60s, was a permanent fixture on the arm of the celebrated music legend, and was expected to be Mrs McCart-ney, having been his muse for five years.

years.
But away from the heady days of psy-But away from the heady days of psy-chedelia and yellow submarines, Jane now finds herself out of Pepperland and very much at the forefront of Poundland, having cut the ribbon on Britain's 500th discount store in Birmingham.

discount store in Birmingham.

Since hanging up her acting boots,
Jane has gone on to become renowned as
a baking entrepreneur, with a bakeware
collection due to be launched throughout
the Willenhall-based company's stores up
and down the country, early in the new
vear.

and down the country, early in the new year.

It is the firm's first foray into celebrity collaboration, but comes on the back of the ever-increasing popularity of home backing in the UK, which now sees an incredible one in seven Brits baking more than twice a week.

Five years ago, the idea that such a standard bearer for middle-class domesticity would have opened a branch of Poundland would have been laughed at.

Does her endorsement finally mark a watershed moment for the Black Country-based retailer, where nothing costs more than £1? She certainly believes so. The actress, who made her name alongside Michael Caine in Alfie, says she has long been a Poundland says she has long been a Poundland shopper. "I know Poundland, I shop



Baking belle Jane Asher whose appeal may now go beyond the middle classes

there, like most people, towards Christmas, where I will pick up bits and pieces. "Thate that awful expression 'yummy mummies', but my step-daughter who has two children, regularly shops at Poundland." Poundland.

"The notion that it's just popular with people who have no money, or the downtrodden, is simply not true. Everybody needs to be sensible with their

money, and that it is true across the

money, and that it is true across the social classes."

Poundland chief executive Jim McCarthy points out that 22 per cent of the chain's shoppers come from the higher income groups, known as AB in marketing terms, and says the tough economic climate of the last five years has played a crucial role in bringing the retailer into the mainstream.

The latest expansion programme will see a total of 21 new Poundland stores open over a five-week period, and Mr McCarthy says the company has identified 1,000 more sites with the potential of supporting another Poundland.

The chain was founded in 1990, when former Bilston market traders Keith and Steve Smith opened a pilot store in

former Bilston market traders Keith and Steve Smith opened a pilot store in Burton-upon-Trent. At the time, many landlords were reluctant to grant them a lease, fearing they would undercut all the neighbouring stores.

But after a tentative start, the company has grown into a high street staple, more than doubling the number of stores over the last three years, and employing more than 12,000 people—including several hundred at Poundland's head offices and distribution site in Willenhall and its second warehouse site in nearby Bilston.

## **Agreeing**

"We have had five years of recession, and a consequence of that is that people have been looking to make their money go further," says Mr McCarthy.

But given that all the indicators suggest the economy is finally showing signs of life, is there not a risk that people will begin turning away from Poundland, just when all its new stores are coming on-stream? "I don't think so, I think the changes that we have seen will prove sticky. People have become used to saving money,"

Even so, Jane does say that lending her name to the new Poundland baking range was not something she did lightly.

She says she was initially approached by a company she works with, which is also a supplier to Poundland, and says she thought long and hard before agreeing to anything.

"I'm very lucky in that I have a name

anything.
"I'm very lucky in that I have a name "I'm very lucky in that I nave a name that people trust, and I never stick my name on something unless I either use it regularly, or have designed it myself," she says. "But when I looked into it, I thought it was a really good idea. I feel it's a way of helping people to bake who haven't done so in the past."

## THROUGH THE YEARS

THE leader of Wolverhampton Council demanded urgent talks with Wolves owners, saying the club was turning the town into a laughing stock. Councillor John Bird, a Wolves season ticket holder, laid into the club's owners Allied Properties for failing to invest in the team.

STORES throughout the West STORES throughout the West Midlands were racing against time to ensure there would be no festive disappointment as the area went computer crazy. Number one on most children's Christmas lists was the Sinclair Spectrum 48K, which sold for £129.95

TONY Morley, who a year earlier had laid on Peter Withe's winning goal in Aston Villa's Euro-pean Cup triumph, was sold to arch rivals West Bromwich

## 1993...

A PUB was refusing to accept £50 notes for fear of fraud. The Anchor Inn, at Coven, near Wolverhampton, made the controversial ruling after accepting £50 notes which had turned out to be fake.

ROY Castle was in good form ROY Castle was in good form as he prepared to take to the stage at Birmingham's Alexandra Theatre, despite facing a new battle against lung cancer. The 61-year-old said 'the show must go on' ahead of the opening night of

IT WAS an emotional moment for Wolves fans as Hungarian giants Honved returned to Molineux in a game to mark the completion of a £15 million redevelopment of the stadium. Wolves had famously played Honved in pioneering European floodlit clashes during the 1950s.

## 2003...

CONFUSION reigned about the opening of Britain's first toll motorway. Staffordshire Fire Service and the Road Hauliers' Association both said they believed the M6 Toll route would be prepring an December 9 but be opening on December 8, but within minutes of the announce-

within minutes of the announcement the company which was to operate the road distanced itself from the announcement.
"We have not been given a confirmed opening date," said Andrew Roache, of Midland Expressway, A spokesman for the Central Motorway Police Group said he expected it to be open on December 8 or 9.

DARLASTON'S Mark Rhodes made the final three in the Pop Idol television talent show -singing a Black Country Christmas classic. And his triumph was music to the ears of the man who wrote Slade's Merry Xmas Every-body, Jimmy Lea.

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Could I not go on a waiting list I would not need it until then.

Let me inform them that we do need sagin in March! I fully expect to have to a supposed form the converse at the problem is that someone made sagin in March! I fully expect to have to a supposed from the converse at the problem is that someone made.

asked as it appeared from the conversa-tion there were a number of people waiting for one. I was told they did not have a facility for that.

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it, the problem is that someone made start the whole process again next year. the idiotic decision not to empty them

## Shock at new home for royal 'freeloaders'

ON A recent trip to the USA I saw in one of the stores there

Middleton here in the UK.

One of the things they got excited about was that the country mansion they are moving into contains ten, count them, ten bedrooms.

Of course they are not familiar with the term bedroom tax in the USA, and not having to pay for the royal family, they can afford to ignore the irony of this situation.

Meanwhile, hundreds – possibly thousands – of working class people here are being penalised for having a spare room in their modest properties whilst still being expected to fund the royal freeloaders to the tune of millions of pounds.

pounds.

Until any government addresses this issue, they will not get my support or vote because I think spending money on the so-called royal family is the most scandalous waste of money and has done more than anything to bring the

## Deliver a fair share

of your tax

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trade unions to ensure your staff (by the way they are human beings not elves) are human beings not elves) are treated with dignity, respect and rewarded with decent wages and working conditions. May the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future haunt your consciences until you deliver the above gifts.

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amazed at the amount of drivers who don't know what a zebra crossing is. I watch as countless drivers ignore the pedestrians patiently waiting to cross.

Has the driving test really changed that much that they don't teach what a zebra crossing is anymore?

Maybe drivers think that it is an animal escaped from the local zoo and is just having a lie down in the road so drivers can drive over it at in time of bedroom tax

a copy of People magazine which was glorifying in the luxury of the new home of Prince William and his bride Kate Middleton here in the UK

having a lie down in the road so drivers can drive over it at high speed whilst ignoring all other moving objects.

Or maybe the crossing outside the school is invisible and I have super human powers and am one of the few lucky humans who can see it

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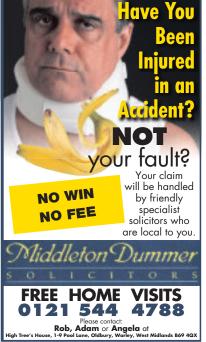
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## **CLUB NEWS**

## History of Whey to go with talk cinema a reel treat from cheese expert

## BLACKHEATH MORNING TWG

THE meeting on November 27 was opened by chairman Doreen Doreen Armstrong, who welcomed members and vis-

welcomed members and visitors together with the day's speaker John Smith.
Monthly reports were given by treasurer Beryl Hartley, outlings co-ordinator Brenda Ellesmere and Press officer Iris Harris.
Doreen also gave details of the Christmas meeting and party.

and party.
At the end of business
Doreen introduced the
speaker, whose talk was
"The Wonderful World of

"The Wonderful World of Cinema".

The group was told that moving pictures "The Movies" were first put into practice by two French brothers way back in February 1896 but it was two years later before they came across the Channel.

When they came to England there were no cinemas as such, the films were usually shown in various local halls. The well-known Pat Collins began to bring movies to the Midlands in 1898. One of the earliest cinemas to be built was The Electric in Birmingham.

was The Electric in Birmingham.
John then proceeded to entertain the group with music memorable movies he was sure they would all remember.
Beryl gave the vote of thanks. The meeting was closed at noon and the ladies enjoyed their refreshments before leaving for home.



## **WOLVERHAMPTON SOROPTIMISTS**

A WARM welcome was given by President Parkash, who in-troduced after-dinner speaker Lavinia Newell, a local cheese-maker and national judge of cheese-making competitions. It was a fascinating and interesting talk on the history

interesting talk on the history

meresting taik on the instory and various manufacturing methods of cheese production. President Parkash reported she had been to the 70th anniversary dinner of the group's 'daughter club' in Bilston and had attended

Bilston and had attended Remembrance Sunday on behalf of the club.

With club members she attended the four-day 79th SIGBE Federation Conference in Gateshead.

November 30 saw close on 60 residents and family members with Friends of Abbeyfield Parkdale meet for a Christmas coffee morning in Christmas coffee morning in aid the residents' fund.

## Lure of lakes in the frame

AT THE November meeting, the club welcomed David Burton Pye MBE. He had worked for South Staffordshire District Council but is now retired. His subject was the magic of the mountains and the lure of the butter.

of the lakes. He had studied the Wain-

wright guides and has returned again and again to the Lake District to photo-graph the wonderful scenery

THE BLACK COUNTRY SOCIET KINGSWINFORD BRANCH

at different times. He said the key to photographs such as wonderful sunsets and dramatic effects with light was simply being in the right place at the right time.

The views are all pre-served on slides and were much enjoyed by members The first meeting of the

new year is on Januar with speaker Geoff 't tram, artist and author.

Talks take place at the Church Centre behind St Mary's Church, Kingswinford. They are open to members and non-members with a small cost of £1 and £1.50 respectively



## Shields of honour for school



Vilma Griffin, organiser for Quarry Bank Royal British Legion, presents shields to Elli Weston and Shaylee Hadlington

SCHOOLCHILDREN been presented with memorial shields after raising more than other schools in their towards the annual

poppy appeal.

Members of Quarry Bank Royal
British Legion club presented the
Daniel Probyn Memorial Shield to
pupils and staff at Quarry Bank
Primary School. They had managed to
raise £295.80 from their November

The children were given a shield to

have keep and the school's name was also

keep and the school's name was also engraved on a larger shield, which they will keep for a year.

The trophy is in honour of 22-year-old solder Daniel Probyn who died in Afghanistan. Tipton-born guardsman Daniel was killed in an explosion in Garmsir, Helmand Province in 2007.

Fundraiser Gloria Donavan, from Quarry Bank Royal British Legion, congratulated the pupils on their achievement. "It is fantastic, £295 is a lot of money for a school to raise," she said. "They raised the most out of nine schools in the area. "

The children raised the money by

The children raised the money by selling poppies and holding a fair. The runner-up was Withymoor Primary School.

The branch has raised £25,584 to date from its poppy appeal.

"People have been very generous. We are very pleased to have raised so much," added Mrs Donavan.

Among the activities held by the canch was atombola at Asda Brierley

Hill in October.

Members were joined by deputy mayor of Dudley Councillor Margaret Aston to sell poppies and tickets.

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## **Historic match memento** is a £10k bonus for Tony

collector - an old football pro gramme signed by the England team and now valued at £10,000.

Football author and historian Tony Matthews hit the jackpot more than 30 years ago when his wife Margaret bought a job lot of old programmes from someone who just wanted to

from someone who just wanted to clear out his garage.

It turned out that the match programme for a 1953 clash between England and Hungary was worth many times the rest of the batch combined.

Hungary, then the world's number one ranked international side and on an unbeaten run stretching 24 games, won 6-3 in front of a Wembley crowd of 105,000. Former West Bromwich Albion historian Mr Matthews, who worked for the club for 30 years, remembers little of the time that 30 years, remembers little of the time that Margaret paid for the programmes, other than that there were 4,000 of them in a garage in Evesham and it took three trips

by Daniel Wainwright

The couple used to live in Kinver and Wall Heath but have since moved to Spain. All of the Hungarian side had signed the programme as had most of the England team.
Mr Matthews made arrangements to

Mr Matthews made arrangements to visit the others whose names were missing whenever West Brom had an away match in their area. Most of the players, apart from Jackie Sewell, Sir Tom Finney and Jeno Buzan-der berg eigned find

Sewell, Sir Tom Finney and Jeno Buzansky have since died.

Mr Matthews, aged 70, said: "At the time I was collecting programmes, trying to reach the milestone of one million. I used to advertise locally asking for any football programmes. The most 1 bought in one go was 40,000."

As a collector Mr Matthews got to know the values of various 'big match' programmes, particularly the ones with autographs. He said: "Regarding the England-Hungary production, I had various valuations done, by serious col-

initial price given was £4,000. Later it was valued at £5,000 when it was 50 years

was valued at £5,000 when it was 50 years old in 2003. One person in north Wales wanted to buy it there and then.
"I went on to the Antiques Roadshow in 2008 and this time it was valued, there and there, at around the £6,000 mark, but since then more players have sadly died and therefore the price has increased and now it is insured for £10,000."

Mr. Matthews who lives in the Cabrera

Mr Matthews, who lives in the Cabrera mountains in Spain, said he intends to sell the programme once his wife agrees.

sell the programme once his wife agrees.
The programme is never sent anywhere and is kept under lock and key.
Last year Mr Matthews learned that he
was the world's biggest-selling author of
football books with 123 published. His
books include West Bromwich Albion:
The Complete Record and England
Who's Who: 140 Years Of English Interpatignal Footballers.

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He has two more currently being compiled and three in the pipeline for 2015.

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## Time for a double take as celebrity lookalikes wed



Martin Jordan as Gordon Ramsay, Ricky Gervais lookalike Tim Oliver, Rose Cook as Debbie Harry, Simon Cowell lookalike Andy Monk and Andy Harmer as David Beckham, all dressed up at the wedding of Rose and Andy IT WAS the celebrity wedding by to do a double take and even sent one reaching for their autograph book. Both regulars on the lookalikes on the were ment on the set of Doctors and Instructional Tront of David Secone, Rose and Andy first met on the set of BBC TV show Doctors when Britain's Got Talent and I thought 'oh my Gordon Ramsay working as extras. IT WAS the celebrity wedding of the year. Simon Cowell marrying his bride Debbie Harry in front of David Beckham, Gordon Ramsay and Ricky Gervais... well, almost.

Almost.

Look a little closer and all is not as it seems – this was a love match between a pair of celebrity lookalikes.

Cowell doppelgänger Andy Monk wed Debbie Harry double Rose Cook at The Station Hotel in Dudley. The nup-tials caused staff, guests and passers-

set of BBC TV show Doctors when working as extras.
Rose, aged 43, said her new husband is nothing like his lookalike, who is known as TV's Mr Nasty for his straight-talking on Britain's Got Talent and X Factor. "Andy is a really kind-hearted and loving man," she said

"All our friends can see how much we

love each other.
"It was love at first sight to be

honest. He gave me his business card when we met on the set of Doctors and Ijust couldn't stop thinking about him. "Then I saw him as a lookalike on Britain's Got Talent and I thought 'oh my God it's him."

Rose, who has been performing as a Blondie tribute act for 20 years, said: "When we got chatting I just thought what a lovely man."

The pair wed in front of a crowd of celebrity lookalike friends who they met over the years. Among them was a Taylor Swift lookalike, doubles of footballer David Beckham and comic Ricky baller David Beckham and comic Ricky Gervais.

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A second cruise, this time along the Chobe River, almost guarantees sightings of elephant and hippo, then a visit to Cape Point passes the fishing harbour of Hout Bay. Continuing on, see the breathtakingly scenic Chapman's Peak Drive, full of rugged seascapes and cliffs to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve.

Cape Point itself see the confluence of the Indian and Atlantic Ocean then it's on to Boulders Beach to see the resident penguin colony.

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The facility in Harvest Road will also create 40 jobs,

The facility in Harvest Road will also create 40 jobs, after being given the green light by Sandwell Council, allowing the trust to begin tendering for construction. Geoff Walker, chief executive of Sandwell Community Caring Trust which cares for around 700 people in the area, said: "We plan to work with local tradesman and get building materials from local traders."

Moe than 30 resident currently living at accommodation at Grafton Lodge in Grafton Road, Oldbury, will be moved to the new site where each room has ensuite facilities. It is anticipated that the new home will be ready within 18 months.

## Sounds of the Georgian era

MUSICIANS Danielle Saxon Reeves and Mark Wil-letts, who perform in Geor-gian costume as the duo Dodici Corde. Danielle, 35, from Lye, and Mark, 39, of Blackheath, will be costume again for a Regency Christ-mas Drawing Room show at Oak House, West Bromwich, tomorrow. Fridav. Tickets tomorrow, Friday. Tickets cost £12 or £8 concessions, to include coffee and mince oies, Call 07807 199870.

## People with dementia to be cared for Mother's sparkling winter A NEW \$4.5 million care home in Rowley Regis will be run by Sandwell Committy Caring Trust and provide 62 beds and respite care for people with dementian. The facility in March 2015 and 100 people with dementian and provide 62 beds and respite care for people with dementian. The facility in March 2015 and 100 people with dementian and provide 62 beds and respite care for people with dementian and provide 62 beds and respite care for people with dementian and provide 62 beds and respite care for people with dementian and people wit

Rowley Regis had only one wish this year, to create a winter wonderland that her seriously ill three-year-old son Mason would remember

Hundreds of lights, decorations, inflatable snow globes and even a snow machine were donated to the family, after

## Wonderful

"We had so many people who had helped turn up to see the lights and the road was full of cars.

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"They all said they had a
wonderful time."
Young Mason was born
with a condition commonly
known as having 'half a
heart' - Hypoplastic Left
Heart Syndrome (HLHS).
Theocadition common in

The condition occurs in one out of 4,344 births and expectations are that 70 per cent of those with HLHS will

cent of those with HLHS will reach adulthood.

Mason also has a rare con-dition called micro deletion, which means he is missing genes and has a delay in his development.

development.

Mason has already undergone two big operations to 're-plumb' his heart, but due to pressures in his lungs he is currently unable to have

the final stage of the proce-

and even a snow machine were donated to the family, a an appeal in the Express & Star and The Chronicle.

Dozens of volunteers all joined in to help put up dazzling displays which has illuminated the family's home and garden in Rowley Regis.

Mrs Williams said: "It was absolutely brilliant to see the house lit up.

Mondarful. The family have been told that if his condition does not improve, or he does not continue to grow, within 12 months he will not be able to have the compating.

months he will not be able to have the operation.

His full-time carer mum added: "If he had the operation today he wouldn't survive. We wanted to make this Christmas really memorable for everyone. If Mason can't have his operation, there's a chance he may not be here next year, so it had to be extra special.

"This is the best Christmas present we as a family

mas present we as a family could have ever asked for."

could have ever asked for."
Friends, families and
businesses rallied round to
lend their support and make
her vision became a reality
to delight little Mason.
Despite the fact he is partially-sighted, Mason enjoys
lights and it this inspired the
idea for the display.
"Mason wasn't very well
"Mason wasn't very well

"Mason wasn't very well on the night and couldn't really enjoy it, but we will keep the house lit up for the rest of Christmas for him to enjoy," Mrs Williams added.



Melodie Williams, 41, has made it a special illuminated christmas in Rowley Regis for her three-year-old son Mason Williams, who she is holding, and for his siblings Dominic, aged 4, Sadie, 11, and Harmonie Williams, 6

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## **Residents in** call for new measures to boost safety

PEOPLE living on a road in Rowley Regis are calling for new traffic calming measures after a car ploughed into the porch of a house. A mother-of-three living in Harvest Road, had a lucky escape when a car collided with a van and flipped over jute her home's novel.

into her home's porch.

It left a trail of damage

It left a trail of damage and causing bricks to fly into her lounge where resident Wendy Warrender would normally have been taking a mid-morning nap on Monday (see pictures and story on page 5).

This was the latest in a long line of crashes and collisions in the road that have prompted local residents to call for action over what they believe is a dangerous road.

A petition of more than 220 signatures was collected requesting measures be con-

requesting measures be considered, including a pedestrian crossing or speed trian crossing warning lights.

## Library looks back at party

STAFF at Blackheath's library are inviting members new and old christmas Tea Party.
As the library in the High Street winds down for the festive season, library members are being welcomed to a festive tea and coffee evening to look back at another successful year. at another successful year. The free event on Friday.

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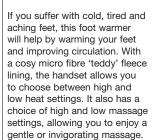
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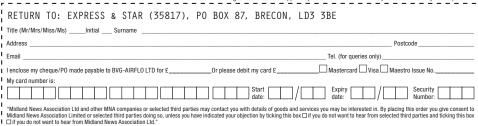
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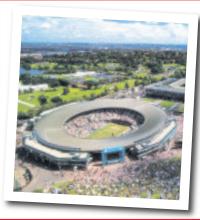
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Penn & Teller will only be performing at two venues outside London and this will include Birmingham's New Alexandra

ham's New Alexandra Theatre on June 15.

## Dame Julie talks of favourite things

OTTAVOUNTE TINGS
DAME Julie Andrews will be appearing at Birmingham's NIA next year but don't anticipate her singing My Favourite Things.
An Evening with Julie Andrews on May 24 is part of what is described as speaking tour by the 78-year-old Surrey-born star of stage and screen. of stage and screen. She will share anecdotes

whilst looking back at highlights from her career including the classic movie musicals Mary Poppins and The Sound of Music.

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## Strictly sensational dancing line-up on the ballroom tour

## Thriller nights at Jackson tribute



A DANCER strike an iconic pose asso-ciated with the late great King of Pop Michael Jackson, whose music and dance moves are celebrated in West End hit Thriller, which is coming to Birmingham this festive season.

The all-singing all-dancing cast will include Cleo Higgins, the Birming-ham-born singer who briefly found fame in the teen group Cleopatra before hitting the headlines again with her appearance on The Voice.

The show will be staged at the ICC Hall 1, part of the same city centre complex as the Symphony Hall, from this Saturday to January 5. See Come Dancing Live Tour 2014 - including a show at Birmingham NIA next month - have been announced.

The celebrity dancer line-I ne celebrity dancer line-up so far features from the early rounds Deborah Meaden and from series ten Westlife singer Nicky Byrne. Alongside the celebrity dancers, Craig Revel Horwood, Len Goodman and Bruno Tonioli sre back as the

Horwood, Len Goodman and Bruno Tonioli are back as the tour's formidable judges. They will be on hand to give their expert feedback and all important scores to the celebrities and their dance pro partners. They will be joined by former Strictly favourite Lisa Riley, who returns to the dance floor as host of the

dance floor as host of the

Ben Cohen said: "I love to further details.



Natalie Gumede keeps dancing at Birmingham NIA Natalie

dancing at Birmingham NIA
test myself and Strictly has
certainly been a challenge."
Natalie Gumede added:
"I'm hugely excited to be
part of the Strictly tour, it's
the perfect excuse to keep
dancing! Dancing for all the
fans who have voted to keep
me in the show will be really me in the show will be really special, I cant wait. thenia.co.uk for

## Stacey flying in to NIA as Tinkerbell

NIA as Tinkerbell
QUEEN of the Jungle and
X Factor finalist Stacey
Solomon makes her theatrical debut in Birmingham tomorrow when Peter
Pan – The Never Ending
Story opens at the NIA.
The singing daughter of
Dagenham will be playing
Tinkerbell in the highflying fantasy based on Jungle
Barrie's classic creation.
The song that she will be
singing as she fliesis the

The song that she will be singing as she fliesis the rather appropriate You Raise Me Up. Stacey will also narrate the show which will be staged Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

## American music legends plan gigs

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TWO major American
stars of the music scene for
the past five decades are
coming to Birmingham
next year.
Jazz and soul legend
George Benson, a vocal and
guitar great, will perform
at Birmingham Symphony
Hall on June 22. His hits
include Give Me The Night
and Never Give Up On A
Good Thing,
Singer-songwriter
James Taylor brings his

James Taylor brings his band to the LG Arena on September 26.

## Little Mix to start tour at LG Arena

ALL-girl pop group Little Mix will kick off their 2014

Mix will kick off their 2014 tour at Birmingham LG Arena on May 16. eigh-Anne and Jade have released two albums, debut DNA and Salute, both top 10 chart successes. They had two no1UK singles and made a better US chart debut than The Spice Girls.



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**SATURDAY'S TV** 14.12.13

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## **CHOICE**



## Strictly Come Dancing BBC1, 6.40pm

Whether it was Susanna Reid being possessed by the spirit of the paso doble in Blackpool, Natalie Gumede wowing us with a Charleston, or just the expression on Brendan Cole's face when the judges suggested his rumba with Sophie Ellis Bextor wasn't quite raunchy enough, this year's Strictly Come Dancing has provided us with plenty of memorable moments. In our eyes, all the celebs are winners, but sadly only four can make it to next week's final and be in with a chance of getting the mitts on that mirrorball

6.00 Breakfast 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live 11.30 Food & Drink (R) 12.00 Football Focus 12.45 Saturday Sportsday 1.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather 1.15 Gymnastics. Highlights of the World Cup event from Glasgow, 4.00 Final Score, 5.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 5.50 Pointless Gelebrities.

- Strictly Come Dancing.
   Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly host the semi-final.
   Atlantis. Jason helps himself to an abandoned feast, which causes him to start demonstrating some seriously strange behaviour, and it falls to Hercules and Pythagoras to save their friend.
- Pythagoras to save their friend.

  9.05 Casualty. A young couple sek refuge at a farm for the birth of their baby, while a man receives an electric shock from a Christmas tree, disrupting Sam and Tom's wedding plans.

  9.55 The National Lottery Live. Chris Evans reveals the results of the Lotto and the Thunderball.

  10.05 BBC News; Weather.

  10.25 Match of the Day. Highlights of the latest Premier League fixtures, which included Manchester City v Arsenal at the Ethad Stadium and Newcastle United v.

Newcastle United v Southampton at St James' Park; National Lottery Update.

11.55 The Football League Show Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from today's fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Leicester City v Burnley.

1.05 Weatherview. 1.10 BBC News.

## BBC<sub>2</sub>

6.00 This Is BBC Two 6.35 Film:
Teacher's Pet. (2004) 7.45 Film:
Anything But Christmas. (2012)
9.15 Film: Animal Farm. (1954)
11.30 Rel History of Britain. (R)
11.00 Animal Park. (R) 12.00
Christmas (R) 12.00
Christmas Kitchen with James
Kitchen with James Martin. (R)
1.30 Christmas Kitchen with James
Martin. (R) 2.15 Coast. (R) 3.10
Doctor Who Mastermind. (R) 3.40
Weakest Link. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R)
5.30 Film: Tron. (1982)
7.00 Me, You and Doctor Who: A
Culture Show Special
impact of the long-running
sci-fi series, with
contributions by Matt Smith,
Mark Ravenhill and Ken
Lingstone.
3.00 Film: Tron. Legacy. (2010)
Premiers. A man acceptable.

Mark Ravenhill and Ken
Livingstone.

8.00 Film: Tron: Legacy. (2010)
Premiere. A man searching
for his father is sucked into a
computer-generated world
and must compete in
gladiatorial combart. Sci-fi
adventure, with Jeff Bridges
and Garrett Hedlund.

9.55 The Science of Ooctor Who.
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and Ooctor to travel
allows the Doctor to travel
through space and time. (R)

10.55 The Wrong Mans. A case of
mistaken identify cataputis
two council employees into
the middle of a deadly
criminal conspiracy. Comedy
trillier, with James Corden
and Mathew Baynton. (R)

11.25 The Wrong Mans. Sam and

11.25 The Wrong Mans. Sam and Phil try to rescue Mr Stevens wife. (R) 11.55 The Wrong Mans. (R)

**11.55 The Wrong Mans.** (H) **12.25 Film:** Shout at the Devil. (1976) **2.35** This Is BBC Two.

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- Christmas Reunion.
  6.05 Regional Programme;
  Weather.
  6.15 ITV News; Weather.
  6.30 New You've Been Framed!
  7.00 The Chase: Celebrity
  Special With Arlene
  Philips; Diarmuid Gavin,
  Helen Skelton and Micky
  Flanand
- 8.00 The X Factor. The three ine X Factor. The three remaining acts head to Wembley Arena to battle it out in the first part of the final, featuring performances by the Killers and Tom Odell. Dermot O'Leary hosts. Concludes tomorrow at 7.30pm.

10.05 The Jonathan Ross Show.

11.10 ITV News; Weather.
11.25 Take Me Out. A rugby player, a student, a morris dancer and a security adviser take part. Last in the series. (R)

12.50 Jackpot247. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 3.45 ITV Nightscreen.

## **CHANNEL 4**

C.15 The Hobbs. (R) 6.40 Beach Volleyball. (R) 7.30 Survival of the Fittest 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 The American Football Show. 10.00 Frasier. (R) 10.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 11.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.50 The Simpsons. (R) 12.25 Heston's Farlastical Christmas. (R) 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. 4.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. 4.00 Come Dine With Me. Furnal Company Service Company Se

6.35 Channel 4 News.

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Marvel's Agents of SHIELD.

Coulson takes the war back to Centipede, and this time he brings in Mike Peterson for some super-soldier support. As they get closer to the truth, startling secrets are revealed. (R)

are revealed. (R)
8.00 Cornwall: Walking Through
History. Tony Robinson treks
along the coastline between
Plymouth in Devon and
Falmouth, learning about the
smuggling trade in Cornwall
during the late 18th century.

Last in the series.

Psychopath Night.

Documentary going inside the minds of psychopaths, finding out how to spot them and counting down the top 10 mentally deranged movie characters, as selected by experts.

Film Clear

experts.

10.55 Film: Clear and Present Danger. (1994) Thriller, starring Harrison Ford.

1.35 Stand Up for the Week. (R) 2.20 Fresh Meat. (R) 3.05 The Silent City. (R) 3.15 Hollyoaks. (R) 5.25 90210.

## **CHANNEL 5**

6.00 Milkshakel 10.00 Power Rangers: Megaforce. 10.35 Slugierra. 11.00 The Great Christmas Toy Giveaway. (R) 1.05 Inside Hollywood. 1.10 World's Scariest Weather. (R) 2.05 Film: Will You Merry Mer (2008) Comedy, starring Tommy Lioutas and Vikik Krinsky. 3.50 Film: The Christmas Heart. (2012) Premiere. Drama, starring Ten Polo. 5.35 Film: Mistletoe Over Manhattan. (2011) Christmas fantasy, starring Tricia Helter and Greg Bryk. 7.15 Film: The Real St Nick.

Iricia Helter and Greg Bryk.

7.15 Film: The Real SX Nick.
(2012) Premiere. A nurse
falls in love with a psychiatri
patient who thinks he is
Santa, and tries to discover
his real identity. Romantic
comedy, with Torrey DeVitto
and Callard Harris.

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8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 The Bible. The Jews are forced into exile and slavery in Babylonia, Daniel is thrown into the lion's den and the Angel Gabriel tells Mary she has been chosen to bear the Son of God.

10.50 Film: Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves. (1991) An outlawed English nobleman recruits a group of bandits to fight for justice and protect the downtrodden. Action adventure, with Kevin Costner, Alan Rickman and Morgan Freeman.

Morgan Freeman.
1.50 Super-Casino. Live interactive gaming. 3.10 Secrets of the Vanishing Sphink. Investigating how and why the Egyptians built the sculpture. (R 4.00 Wildlife SOS. (R) 4.20 Make It Big. (R) 4.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.10 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.20 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.20 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.50 Hana's Helpline. (R)

## **DIGITAL**

BBC Three
7.00 Winter Wipeout 8.00 Top Gea
9.00 Russell Howard's Good News
10.00 Film: Anchorman: The
Legend of Ron Burgundy (2004)
11.35 Family Guy

BBC Four 7.00 Frozen Planet 8.00 Shipwrecks: Britain's Sunken History 9.00 Borgen 11.00 Definitely Dusty

1TV2
3.00 The Only Way Is Essexmas
4.05 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of
Here Now! Trials and Tribulations
5.10 You've Been Framed!
Christmas 5.40 Film: Johnny
English (2003) 7.25 Film: The
Perfect Storm (2000) 10.05 The
Xtractor 11.05 Celebrity Juice:
XTRIAMAS Special

3.45 Film: Columbo: Any Old Port in a Storm (1973) 5.45 A Touch of Frost 8.00 Lewis 10.00 Bomb Girls 11.00 Agatha Christie's Marple

17V4 2.00 Film: The Appaloosa (1966) 4.00 Storage Wars 4.55 GT Academy 5.55 I Want That Car 6.55 Film: Where Eagles Dare (1969) 10.00 Film: Age of Heroes (2011)

2.00 Film: Never Been Kissed (1999) 4.05 How I Met Your Mother 5.05 The Big Bang Theory 6.30 2 Broke Girls 7.00 How I Met Your Mother 7.30 Suburgatory 8.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Film: Die Hard (1988) 11.40 The Inbetweeners

Film4
2.45 Cleopatra (1963) 7.15 The
Golden Child (1986) Fantasy
adventure, starring Eddie Murphy
and Charles Dance. 9.00 Fracture
(2007) Thriller, starring Anthony
Hopkins. 11.15 Donkey Punch
(2008)

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## What's On!

## **SUNDAY'S TV** 15.12.13

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**Gary Lineker** 

## **Sports Personality of** the Year 2013 BBC1, 7.40pm

Last week we celebrated 60 years of the BBC Sports Personality of the Year award with a documentary featuring some of the show's most memorable moments. A few more amazing memories could be created in tonight's edition when Gary Lineker, Gabby Logan and Clare Balding host the 2013 programme from the First Direct arena in Leeds. Favourite to lift the trophy this time round is Andy Murray, thanks in no small part to him becoming the first British man to win Wimbledon for 77 years.

DBC 1 6.00 Breakfast 7.30 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Fern Britton Meets Ken Dodd. 11.00 Wanted Driven Brown Under. (R) 11.45 Helicopter Heroes Down Under. (R) 12.15 MOTD2 Ext. 13.6 Repond Programme. 12.15 Repond Progra

6.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker

Weather.

6.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker visits Cornwall's Prideaux Place stately home, where US soldiers prepared for D-Day, and Helen Skelton finds out why artists flock to the south west for many weather for the Week Ahead.

7.00 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal which couples have secured a place in the final and who will be hanging up their dancing shoes.

7.40 Sports Personality of the Year 2013. Gary Lineker, Gabby Logan and Clare Balding present this year's Direct Personality of the Year 2013. Gary Lineker, Gabby Logan and Clare Balding present this year's Direct Personality of the Year 2013. Gary Lineker, Gabby Logan and Clare Balding present this year's Direct Personal Leeds, where the successor to Sir Bradley Wiggins will be crowned. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

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10.25 Match of the Day 2.
Including highlights of
Tottenham Hotspur v
Liverpool.

11.35 Film: Adventureland. (2009) Teen comedy, starring Jesse Eisenberg and Kristen Stewart.

1.15 Weatherview. 1.20 BBC News.

## BBC<sub>2</sub>

6.00 This is BBC Two. 6.55 Film:
The Valley of Gwangi. (1968) 8.30
Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol
Keln. (R) 9.00 Life in a Cottage
Garden With Carol
Keln. (R) 10.0 Life in a Cottage
Garden With Carol
Christmas Kitchen with James
Martin. (R) 11.45 Christmas
Kitchen with James Martin. (R)
12.30 EastEnders. (R) 2.20 Film:
Around the World in 80 Ds. (1955)
S.05 Flog ltt 5.55 Ski
Sunday.

Sunday.

6.40 Sports Personality of the Year at 60. Gary Lineker presents a look at the history of the ceremony, which has become a sports and broadcasting institution since first being held in 1954. (R)

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10.30 ITV News; Weather.
10.45 Flim: Hellboy It: The Golden
Army. (2008) A Action
fantasy sequel directed by
Guillermo del Toro, starring
Guillermo del Toro, starring
Toron The Store. 2.50 Motorsport
UK. 3.40 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The
Jeremy Kyle Show: 5 Days of
Christmas. (R)

## **CHANNEL 4**

6.00 CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. 6.10 The Cat

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6.15 ITV News; Weather. 6.30 The Chase: Celebrity

Special.

The X Factor Results.
The two finalists battle it out once more before Dermot O'Leary announces the winner. With music by One Direction, Katy Perry, and Gary Barlow with Elton John. Last in the series.

Through the Christmas Keyhole. Keith Lemon rummages through the homes of three mystery celebrities.

10.30 ITV News: Weather

CHANEL 4.

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The American Football Show. (R) 7.30 Anglesey Sandman Triathlon. (R) 7.30 Anglesey Sandman Triathlon. (R) 6.00 Jamies Money Saving Meals. (R) 9.40 Jamies Money Saving Meals. (R) 9.30 Jamies Money Saving Meals. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.30 The Simpsons. (R) 2.00 The Simpsons. (R)

Christmas. Comedy, starring Vince Vaughn and Paul Giamatti.
7.30 Britain's Killer Storms. Feature-length documentary-drama telling the story of five major storms that battered the nation throughout 2012, hearing from people who survived them.

9.00 Homelland. As Lockhart's confirmation looms, Cart's car

James Franco.

12.05 Alan Carr: Chatty Man.
Guests include Seann Walsh and
Michael Buble. (R) 1.00 American
Football Live. All the action from a
match in the NFL 4.45 KOTV
Boxing Weekly. Lee Haskins v
Jason Booth. (R) 5.15 Countdown.
(R) 5.55 Suburgatory.

## **CHANNEL 5**

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi 6.00 WILLSPARKE: PEPIPA T.N. 0.00
ROBYTHE RAGING CAR. (R) 6.25 Bloth
Gupples. (R) 6.40 The MM Men
Show. (R) 6.50 Chloe's Closet. (R)
7.00 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R)
7.10 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R)
7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.20
Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures.
(R) 7.25 Make Way for Noddy. (R)
7.40 City of Friends. (R) 7.50 Milo
Mao. (R) 7.55 Little Princess. (R)
8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top
Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R)
8.20 Angelina Ballerina. (R)
8.20 Angelina Ballerina. (R)
8.30 Rupert Bear. (R)
8.55 Ben and 8.20 Artigelinia Ballerina; (r) 8.49 Hupert Bear, (r) 8.55 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom, (R) 9.15 John Miller Ballerina; (r) 9.15 John Millerina; (r) 9.15 John Millerina; (r) 9.16 John Millerina

and Jesse I. Martin.
7.25 Film. (Brotel Rider, (2007)
Fantasy thriller based on the
comic-book, starring Nicolas
Cage, Eva Mendes and Wes
Bentey. Edited for violence
and flashing images.
9.25 5 News Weekend.
9.30 Britain's Favourite
Christmas Songs. Festive
music countdown. (R)
12.30 The Abby Vears. (R) 1.30

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5.20 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.25 The
Funky Valley Show. (R) 5.40 Roary
the Racing Car. (R) 5.50 Hana's
Helpline. (R)

## **DIGITAL**

BBC Three
7.00 Doctor Who: The Ultimate
Guide 8.00 Great Movie Mistakes
2013 10.00 Family Guy 10.25 The
Revolution Will Be Televised 10.55
Family Guy 11.20 American Dad!

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7.00 Jet! When Britain Ruled the Skies 9.00 Lou Reed Remembered 10.00 David Bowie – Five Years 11.30 Evidently – John Cooper Clarke

1TV2
3.30 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! Crown Jewels 4.30
You've Been Framed at Christmas 5.30 Film: Two Weeks Notice (2002) 7.30 Film: Two Weeks Notice (2002) 7.30 Film: Land of the Lost (2009) 9.30 The Xtra Factor 10.30 Film: The fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006)

3.20 The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes 4.30 Lewis 6.40 Agatha Christie's Poirot 9.00 Lewis 11.00 A Touch of Frost

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1.25 Film: The Story of Dr Wassell (1944) 4.10 Film: Blues Brothers 2000 (1998) 6.35 Storage Wars 7.35 Tim Vine's Punslinger 9.00 Film: City Slickers (1991) 11.20 Didier Drogba: Sports Life Stories

**4.55 Film:** Dear John (2010) **7.00** The Big Bang Theory **10.00** The Inbetweeners **11.10** Rude Tube: Epic Fails

Film4
3.05 Romancing the Stone (1984)
5.10 Bride Wars (2009) 6.50 Step
10 3 (2010) Dance drama sequel,
starring Rick Malambri. 9.00 Battle;
Los Angeles (2011) A platon of
soldiers is sent into battle against
an allen invasion force that has
landed on America's west coast.
Sci-fit briller, starring Aaron
Eckhart. 11.15 Compliance (2012)

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## Film Choices

nanger, ITV, 11.05pm red mountain rescue expert is drawn into a battle of wits with a psychopathic criminal searching for a \$100million fortune lost in the Rockies - and puts his life on the line as he negotiates the treacherous mountains in a bid to stay one step ahead of the crook. Action thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone, John Lithgow, Janine Turner and Michael Rooker. (1993)

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, ITV, 7.30pm The adolescent wizard is unexpectedly chosen to represent Hogwarts School in a prestigious magical tournament, despite being legally too young to enter. He joins champions of three magical academies to face deadly monsters in a series of challenges. Meanwhile, the followers of the dreaded Lord Voldemort plot to restore their master to the land of the living. Fourth instalment of the fantasy saga, starring Daniel Radcliffe, Robbie Coltrane, Ralph Fiennes, Michael Gambon, Rupert Grint and Robert Pattinson. (2005)

## WEDNESDAY

The Terminator, Channel 5, 10pm
A cyborg assassin is sent on a murderous mission back A cyoung assassin is sent on a miorerous mission back in time to the 20th century, where he wreaks havoc while searching for his intended victim - a woman whose unborn son is destined to lead the human race in a war against machines. However, a soldier has also been sent from the future to protect her. James Cameron's sci-fi thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Michael Biehn, (1984)



Mistletoe Over Manhattan, Channel 5, 1.25pm Mistatoe Over Mannattan, Channel 1, 1.25pm Santa Claus's wife goes to New York to perform a Christmas miracle and give her husband fresh inspiration. She befriends a cop who is in the middle of a divorce and offers to become a namy to his children. She then discovers he still loves his wife, and tries to find a way to bring them back together. Seasonal fantasy, starring Tricia Helfer and Greg Bryk. (2011)

## Tamara Drewe, BBC2, 11,05pm

A woman returns to the sleepy village where she grew up, having transformed from an awkward teenager to a successful and confident journalist. She instantly becomes the object of obsession for every man in the neighbourhood, while her sex life becomes a source of Regimbourhoot, while her sex hie becomes a soude standard and a fascination for two local girls. Comedy based on Posy Simmonds' comic strip, with Gemma Arterton, Dominic Cooper and Tamsin Greig. (2010)

## **Pick of the Week**

## **Murray aims to make** it a truly smashing year

eroes and villains – they're all on display in Sports Personality of the Year 2013, which this year celebrates its 60th anniversary while showcasing the most important sporting events of the past 12 months.

Whenever the show is broadcast, fans know that Christmas is just around the corner – but who will be celebrating the festive season with a shiny new trophy on the mantelpiece as well as a turkey in the oven?

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During the programme, eight awards will be presented: Team of the Year, Coach of the Year, Unsung Hero, Overseas Personality of the Year, The Helen Rollason Award (a special BBC trophy for outstanding courage and achievement in the face of adversity, named after the sports presenter who died of cancer aged just 43 in 1999), and the Young Sports Personality of the Year Award. The latter is given to an outstanding competitor, aged 16 or under, selected from nominations made by Blue Peter viewers.

Watch out too for the 60th

Watch out too for the 60th Anniversary Diamond Award, which will be handed to a sporting legend

Whether the next sportsman or woman to have their name engraved on the trophy turns out to be as laidback as last year's winner remains to

Bradley Wiggins was clearly thrilled that the public had voted for him (he called it "probably his greatest achievement"), but unlike some previous winners, he wasn't cameraprevious winners, he v shy or stuck for words.

Perhaps Chris Froome, his successor as the Tour de France champion, may come out of top this time round. However, it would be ver tough on Andy Murray following his Wimbledon win in the summer if he missed out — he's currently favourite with the bookles too.

What may go against Murray is the fact that he hasn't played much tennis since then; he's been injured for some time, which may keep him out of the voters' thoughts.

Some naysayers may suggest that the competition isn't so hot this time

round. After all, last year's ceremony took place just months after the London Olympics, and arguments could have been made for a number of candidates from that event alone in the build-up to last December's evening.

But the BBC's director of sport, Barbara Slater, reckons It will be as exciting as ever: The year includes major events such as the Ashes, World Athletics Championships, Rugby League World Cup and Women's European Football Championship as well as a packed callendar across all sporting callendar works all sporting the control of the country of the property of the country of the property of property

another exciting show."

This time, cameras, crew and celebs are heading to Leeds' First Direct Arena, and we can expect all the usual reports and highlights, although an iconic host will be missing – Sue Barker.

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A few months ago she announced her decision to step down from the show, but she's leaving it in very good hands – Gary Lineker, Clare Balding and Gabby Logan are the experienced trio in charge.



Sports Personality of the Year 2013, Sunday, BBC1, 9pm

## Best of the Rest

## Kirstie's Crafty Christmas

Channel 4, 8pm These days, Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer aren't just property experts, they're also lifestyle gurus. Ms Allsopp started the trend by showing us that she's a dab-hand at all things crafty, demonstrating how to whip up our own cushions and the like on a shoestring budget. She's made no secret of the fact that Christmas is her favourite time of year, so it seems only fitting that she'd share her top tips for seems only limiting that shed shall her by the sole ensuring the big day goes with a bang. Kirstie explains how fast crafts can not only beat the clock but offer up a big impact, and first up, she's visiting a Christmas market. She speaks to expert artisans about how to make festive delights including mince pie popcorn with tree syrup and a rich red velvet Christmas cheesecake

## A Night of Heroes – The Military Awards

Forget presenting This Morning or judging the acts on Britain's Got Talent – the highlight of Phillip Schofield and Amanda Holden's professional year is hosting this annual event. For the uninitiated, the event takes place at London's National Maritime Museum and is now in its sixth year. A total of 10 awards are given those who have made outstanding contributions to Britain's armed services. The accolades have been judged by a panel that includes Jeremy Clarkson, Andy McNab, Holly Willoughby and Lorraine Kelly, with support from four former military chiefs – General Sir Mike Jackson, Admiral Lord West, Field Marshal Lord Guthrie and ACM Sir Peter Squire

## The Great British Bake Off Christmas

## BBC2, 8pm

an amazing year for the Great British Bake Off. Back in October, a peak audience of 9.1 million viewers tuned in for the final, so no wonder it's getting a transfer to BBC One in time for the next series. But before they pack up their mixing bowls and switch channels, Mary and Paul are bringing us this Christmas special, which sees them sharing some of their favourite festive recipes, from old stand-bys like stollen and a gingerbread house to the slightly more unusual likes of Scottish black bun and tunis cake. And they've also come up with an alternative to turkey sandwiches as a way of using up leftovers, in the form of Paul's hand-raised Boxing Day pie

## WEDNESDAY

## Food & Drink Christmas Special

BBC2, 8pm It seems like every show that's ever been on telly has a Christmas special, but none are more justified than this - after all, good food and nice drinks really do go hand in hand with the festive season. And what will culinary legend Michel Roux Jr and award-winning drinks expert Kate Goodman be dishing up this year? Well, since they're joined by Great British Bake Off judge Mary Berry and Michelin-starred chef Glynn Purnell, you know whatever it is will be something special. Sure enough, there's a look at how to roast the perfect goose, recipes for easy canapes, a spectacular sausage roll and a quick chocolate torte – as well as a boozy drinks round-up

## Surprise Surprise

ITV, 8pm Granted, this series runs all year round, but really, there's no better time than Christmas to pay tribute to those who selflessly to do so much for others without expecting anything in return, Clearly, Holly Willoughby and co have been thinking along the

same lines because we're being treated to a festive edition of the popular show – and they've pulled out all the stops this time, getting some big names on board. James Colbourn has been nominated by his younger sister, Sadie, for all the support he's given her since she gave birth to twin boys at just 26 weeks. An his surprise surprise? Meeting Britney Spears at The Savov in London Meanwhile, a Cher fan gets a

special message, and Olly Murs provides music for THURSDAY

Live Celebrity

a Millionaire? ITV, 9pm Chris Tarrant recently suggested that this former ratings-topper became a victim of the recession financially uncertain times, what contestants really wanted was to answer a few easy(ish) questions and go home with £10,000 rather than the chance and go nome with £10,000, rather than the chance to gamble their way to a million. But will the celebs on this live version prove a bit more willing to take a risk, or will the fact that they are playing for charity make them even more cautious? Well, one of the contestants, former Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson, definitely has a competitive streak, so he may be our best chance to see someone go all the way as he joins ubiquitous presenter and Reds fan Eamonn Holmes to play for their favourite good causes - and a viewer at home, who will have a chance to claim half the winnings.

## FRIDAY

It's only in its third year now, but already we feel like Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without Text Santa. This time around, the build-up towards the main event started early, with Davina McCall's summertime celeb dance show Stepping Out offering 15p from each vote to the cause, and This offening 15p from each vote to the cause, aftur in Morning's Take a Moment' campaign, which ran during the autumn contributing £167,390. And impressive though that is, it's nothing compared to what will be accomplished toright, when presentin duos Ant and Dec, Holly Willoughby and Phillip Schofield, and Paddy McGuinness and Christine Bleakley step up for the marathon three-hour fundraising extravaganza, including star guests, sketches and the Big Reunion bands performing their charity single

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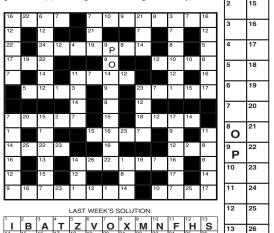
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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



## **Double Crossword**

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

## Cryptic Clues:

- 1. Picks out the fellow by the vessel show ing shooting ability (12)
- 7. Some of the extra inquiries for transport (5) 8. This is used not-
- withstanding (5) 9. Manage a continuous series of performances (3)

  10. Girl's name needs amending - pretends to be unfit (9)

  11. Emphasise the
- . Emphasise the account requires
- 12. The show is miss ng from an idyllic location (6)
  One friend is after the market in a
- hostile way (9) 17. Drink produces endless sign of
- arief (3)
- grief (3)

  18. A gently thrustful reminder (5)

  19. The brute will destroy the root vegetable (5)

lightly (12)

21. Regard as skilful not to be dismissed

- 1. What no patient would suffer at the hands of an efficient doctor? (12)
- 2. South Pacific 2. South Pacific always initially provides place for recuperation (3)
  3. The records will show fifty in Indian currency (6)
  4. Support a small railway that's not of prime importance (9)
- 5. I find fault this will
- make you angry (5) 6. Go over to inspect what counsel has to
- do (5-7)
  7. Is this the keynote to health? (5)
- to health? (5)

  10. Wrinkles are apparent in the fellow's virility (9)

  13. Teacher loses his head and makes a bloomer! (5)

  14. Criticised the way the roof is covered (6)
- 16. Is the broadcaster
- so active? (5) 20. The iron rod is almost completely stripped (3)

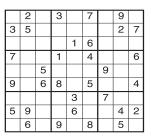
## **Quick Clues:**

## Across

- 1. Private (12) 7. Let (5)
- 8. Watery (5)
- 9. Small child (3)
- 10. Impostor (9)
- 11. Modern (6)
- **12.** Current (6)
- 15. Postponed (9)
- 17. Donkey (3)
- 18. Leeway (5)
- 19. Implied (5)
  - 21. Reproof (12)

- 1. Revokes (12)
- 2. Sick (3)
- 3. Envelop (6)
- 4. Reduced to a synopsis (9)
- 5. Ward off (5)
- 6. Broadcast (12)
- 7. Caper (5)
- 10. Director of orchestra (9)
- 13. Precise (5)
- 14. Seize (6) 16. Sap (5)
- 20. Tin (3)

## Sudoku



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superb remains to explore.

Crossing the Sea of Galilee by boat a visit is made to Capernaum, where Jesus lived, and nearby is Tabgha, the site of the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000. Overlooking the whole area is the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount.

Surrounded by haunting desert scenery is the Dead Sea. Take a dip and bob like a cork – definitely one of life's must-do experiences! Then journey to the spectacular fortress of Masada, the site of one of the ancient Roman's greatest sieges and where the desert climate has served the site and the eight Roman encampments surrounding

In Jerusalem there's so much to see and experience. Visit the Mount of Olives and the world's oldest continually used cemetery for a panoramic view of the ancient city, punctuated by the beautiful Dome of the Rock where Muhammed rose to heaven.

After touring the Garden of Gethsemane, enter the warren of streets and alleyways that make up the Old City. Visit the Western Wall and and anewyays that make up the Oid City. Visit the Western wail and walk along the Via Dolorosa before finally arriving at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre built over Golgotha where Jesus was crucified. The decoration here is astounding and contains the final five Stations of the Cross, the church is uniquely shared between the Catholic, Orthodox and Armenian churches.

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IT'S built in Britain and has been rated as one of Europe's safest cars but Honda's CR-V faces massive

opposition in the SUV sector.
Honda has invested heavily in the CR-V at its Swindon headquarters and receiving the maximum 5-star safety rating from Euro NCAP was a real boost. But the big question is will it sell enough in a market cluttered with look-alike alternatives?

If safety is on your buying agenda you will be as impressed as NCAP were. All CR-Vs come

as impressed as NCAP were. All CR-Vs come with front, side and curtain airbags, plus a stability control system that counteracts mid-corner movement.

And if you plump for the SR or EX models you get systems that steer you back on track if you start to wander out of your lane on the motorway, and brake if a crash is sensed.

On test was the 2.2 i-DTEC SE with manual transmission and four wheel drive and while

It is designed for on-road use, so it's as com-It is designed for on-road use, so it s as com-fortable to drive as any family hatch and is more than a match for anything in the sector if you need to transport a big family and the family pet. And the bootspace is snormous. The 2.2-litre diesel engine is nicely geared on the manual version and produces 150bhp and 250bh ft of transpace.

350lb ft of torque.

## **Impressive**

On the road this Honda soaks up the bumps and is a comfortable ride with the driver sitting high enough to demand impressive views. There's plenty of grip, even at top speed, though the steering could probably be a little less vague – though that's being a bit picky.

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Inside there's no mistaking that you are driving a diesel because the engine noise comes into the cab quite loudly when put under pressure but on the open road the ride is quite and stress free.

There's more than enough seating for a family of five, regardless of size and height and all leavest intergence seed for their new and second

all-round views are good for driver and passen-

One thing Honda really does get right is the interior. I've long been a fan of their facia where all the controls are easy to find, uncluttered and more importantly uncomplicated. I like nothing less than having to spend time working out what switches are for.

The SE has front and rear parking sensors, fronts fog lights, rear view camera, Bluetooth, folding door mirrors, automatic lights and wipers and a leather gear knob and steering wheel.

wheel.
Combined fuel figures claim an average of 50.4mpg and CO2 emission levels are at 149g/km. There's a top speed of 118mph and 0-62mph in 9.7seconds.
There have been over five million CR-V sales worldwide since launch in 1995 so Honda know they have a winning formula the question is whether this fourth generation entry can fend off ever-growing opposition. Time will tell.

## Bumper to bumper

Honda CR-V
Model: 2.2 i-DTEC SE Price: £26,605
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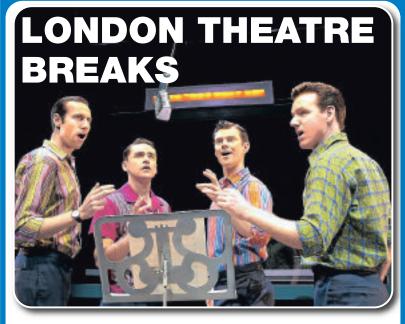
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## Silver for Varnish in world cup team race

JESS VARNISH has won a silver medal in the women's team sprint at the World Cup in Mexico. Pitted against Kristina Vogel and Miriam Welte of

Germany in the final qualifi-cation heat, Halesowen's Varnish and team-mate

Varnish and team-mate Becky James went inside China's world record set in London 2012 – but it was Germany who qualified fastest with a world-record breaking 32.153.

Great Britain were left trailing with a 32.400 to set up a repeat performance in the final. It was unlikely that a deficit of three-tenths would be overcome in the final and so it proved, with Vogel and Welte joining their male counterparts and taking their second successive gold of the World Cup campaign.

James and Varnish tended to 23 609

James and Varnish stopped the clock at 32.602 taking silver, with bronze going to Russia, narrowly beating China.

Elsewhere, Great Britain's women's team pursuit squad once again smashed the world record and took gold in Mexico.

## Hales steal three with late scores

Worcester 2 OHHC 1sts 3

OLD Halesonians Hockey Club stole all three points in the dying minutes, to secure fourth place in Midlands 1 over Christmas, after a sen-

over Christmas, after a sen-sational game versus joint league leaders Worcester. Worcester had several penalty corners, which were either off target or stopped by the Hales defence. The second half was action packed, as both teams pushed for the win. Hales took the lead when Harry Hughes rounded the Worcester keeper, but was taken out as he was about to shoot into the embt net.

taken out as he was about to shoot into the empty net. The Worcester keeper was yellow carded, and a penalty flick awarded. Tom Bulteel stepped up, and easily slotted home. Worcester then equalised. Hales found the break.

Hales found the break-through when Chales Hales found the break-through when Chales Palmer scored. Worcester levellede again. Doug Houghton sealed the game. Other Results: OHHC Ladies 1sts 2 Barford Tigers 3; OHHC 2nds 4 Finchfield 1; Wednesbury 5 OHHC 3rds 2; OHHC 4ths 0 Worcester 8;West Brom 7 OHHC 5ths 0; Badgers 5 Wolvehampton 1.

## Villa's determination pays off at Saints

Southampton 2 Villa 3 VILLA'S win over Southampton was gritty and hard-fought, even if the hosts will argue it was unde-

The stats show the Saints had more shots, more passes, more possession but they couldn't match Villa's work-rate and sheer effort and, more importantly, goals.

Fabian Delph's ripsmorter of a winner was just their third shot on target at St Mary's but ultimately the only stat which counts is the

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Critics will argue Villa are a counter-attacking side and Gabby Agbonlahor's early breakaway

But Southampton's 77 per cent possession forced Villa to hit them on the break, something they exe-

cuted perfectly.

Lambert rejects the counterattack notion but it is something
he should embrace if it continues

to earn results.

Villa won ugly with a beautiful goal and the manager will not complain about the points tally, however they come

It was Southampton's chance to get back on track after defeat to Chelsea and underline their status as the season's young upstarts.

But they failed as Villa extended their unbeaten run to five games.

Momentum is gathering to the extent they will be relishing a free-falling Fulham and faltering Man-chester United within the next 10

They may not always be pretty to watch but Villa are grinding out results in a way they have failed to do over the last three seasons.

They did it after dropping Christian Benteke. Agbonlahor shouldered the burden well as he ended his own hunt for a Premier League

But seven barren games for Benteke convinced Lambert to act and make good on his veiled threats.

threats.

He will always publically back
his players but Benteke has now
been warned he is not untouchable.

Benteke's omission handed
liber Wegels obsessed whiche

Libor Kozak a chance and, while he scored, there is still work to do.

Anonymous for most of the game Benteke was stripped and ready to replace him before he con-verted El Ahmadi's cross. Delph won the ball outside

Villa's

Yoshida and beat Paulo Gazzaniga.

The hosts broke through just three minutes after the break when Rodriguez guided in Nathaniel Clyne's centre.

Saints' sparkle returned but fizzled out just as quickly when Kozak nodded in El Ahmadi's weighted cross after 64 minutes.

Benteke immediately replaced him but Dani Osvaldo powered in to level on 69 minutes.

to level on 69 minutes. It sparked a frantic finale – which Delph settled 10 minutes from time when he broke and unleashed a rocket into the top

HALESOWEN TOWN have grabbed ex-LA Galaxy forward Kyle Patterson on a month's loan from Redditch United. United.

The 27-year-old, a former team-mate of David Beckham in Los Angeles, made his Yeltz debut at home to Lincoln United at the weekend providing paperwork is processed in time.

Birmingham-horn Patter-

paperwork is processed in time.

Birmingham-born Patterson, who began his career as an Albion trainee, moved to America in 2005 on a football scholarship and turned out for Galaxy three times in the MLS as well as figuring in friendlies against Barcelona and AC Milan.

He will provide cover at The Grove for leading scoring Ben Haseley, who faces another month on the sidelines with an eye injury. Chairman Colin Brookes said: "Everything has been agreed between the clubs and the lad has signed for a month. The paperwork has been sent off and we're just waiting for confirmation that everything has gone through."

Since returning to 2010. Patterson

Since returning to England in 2010, Patterson has played for Hednesford, Tamworth, Nuneaton and Redditch.

## Clarke aims to build up his standing

HALESOWEN Super Middleweight prospect, Lennox Clarke, is ready to build on his impressive start to pro fessional boxing when he returns to action next week.

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The 22 year-old enjoyed
an explosive debut in the
paid ranks when he blew
away James Child inside two
rounds last month.
Clarke takes on Didier
Blanch on EJKO Promotions' Who Dares Wins Show
at the Holidar Inn Birming.

at the Holiday Inn, Birmingham, on December 19. He was due to face the Congo-

was due to face the Congo-born boxer for his debut but Blanch was switched for Child at the 11th hour. Because of that late switch, Clarke has already done his homework on his opponent and believes the extra time to prepare will stand him in good stead on fight night.

fight night.
Tickets are £60 and include a three-course meal or £30 unreserved standard seating. Call 07540 990 166 or 07450 458 293.

## corner from 25 yards. No easy ride but Yeltz Ladies pull off the win

Halesowen Town Ladies 5 Woodstar Rgs Ladies 3

THE last time the Yeltz met Woodstar was at the beginning of the season and the score was 13-0 to the Yeltz but there was going to be no repeat of that this time.

It was a messy game to watch with Halesowen taking longer than usual to settle in and it was clear from the off Woodstar had some pace, Sabrina Dale, Shel Thomas and

Gemma Moss were finding themselves chasing their

Troman couldn't get to.
Halesowen needed to step
up their game and briefly
the attacks started to come,
but Woodstars keeper was
on form, making some good
saves from Lyndsey Glover
and Sian Whittall.
There was a huge gap in
the middle of the field
because Halesowen midfielders Sarah Hamill and
Tracey Haycock were
spreading themselves too
thin.
Substitutions were made

Substitutions were made to try to revive the team but Jo Butler was finding it diffi-cult to keep up with the pace of their left winger and

of their left winger and Chloe Harris was struggling to keep the attacks at bay. Halesowen drew a goal back following a clearance, which Haycock put in the back of the net. The second half was tough to watch, everyone seemed to be working really

## **Football**

themselves chasing their attackers.

It was Woodstar who got on the score sheet first after Charlotte Byatt caught one of their players on the edge of the area, giving away a penalty which Hannah troman couldn't get to.

Halesowen needed to step specifically and the step of the ste to steal it to run it in for a second goal.

second goal.

It wasn't long before Woodstar pulled one back by getting from a corner.

Eventually Halesowen's passing became more accurate

rate.

Good football started to flow again and the goals came with them. Rachel Letford scored from a great cross from Sophie Richards with 20 minutes to go, nother came five minutes. another came five minutes

later.
Katie Moore scored a fantastic goal from 25 yards out and she got the final goal for Halesowen from a corner.

Halesowen from a corner.
Woodstar pulled one back
with a long range shot which
beat Troman.
Manager Scott Mckee
said: "We took it for granted
we were going to win and we
were sloppy, however, the
second half was a better performance."



Sarah Hamill heads on the ball during the match against Woodstar Rangers



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## Etheridge becomes national champion

LIAM ETHERIDGE finally became a national cham-pion after success in the final of the Ambition Boxing

final of the Ambition Boxing Championships with a case of third time lucky for the Pleck ABC fighter. The former ABA School-boys and junior finalist was declared the majority points victor, after a thrilling three-round contest at the Heart of Portsmouth Boxing Academy on Satur-day.

neart of Fortsmouth Boxing Academy on Saturday.

The 19-year-old, competing in his 75th amateur fight, had to battle tooth-and-nail to squeeze past Thomas Kindon, from Guildford ABC in Surrey, at 54kg in Class C, for boxers born in 1994 and 1995. Etheridge had already dumped out the hot favourite by beating three-time national champion Reece Mould, from Don-caster Plant Works ABC, in the semi-finals.

And the Walsall stylist came out all guns blazing in the final and regularly tagged Kindon with left hooks.

In the female senior ABA

hooks.
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In the female senior ABA championships Amie Smith, from Priory Park ABC in Dudley, advanced at 57kg with a unanimous points verdict over Alessia Walker. Victoria Morgan, from Lions ABC, Dudley, is also through to the final with a majority points win after a 71kg contest with Marnie Swindels.

## **Close game** against Pats

Old hales 2nds 29 Old Patesians 2nds 24 PATESIANS were first to score when a chip from centre Ben Perks was inter-cepted and they raced in front to lead.

On the stroke of half-time Patterson's superb 25 yard lob was finger-tipped away by Turner to save the Lincoln side again. OH replied with Al Church scoring. A poor scrum from old Halesonians let Pats run in

Halesonians let Pats run in under the posts.
Old hales came straight back when prop Chris Deeks drove over with the try converted by Tom Harris.
Gregg Smith was next to crash over. Old Pats levelled the scores making it 19 all.
From the restart Old Hales forced a scrum and fly half Chris Harris fed

half Chris Harris fed Church for his second try. The Pats forwards came back to level again. However, Old Hales weren't finished as Jack Keeling broke through the Old Pats defence with a strong run before Simon Sabell went over.

## Old Hales triumph over bigger squad

GRIFFITHS' BRACE

FIRES YELTZ HOME

Sedgley Park 111 DK 15 THIS was Dudley Kingswinford's largest ever league defeat conceding 17 tries from a Sedgley Park pack that were rampant.

Old Hales 24 Longton 15
HALES played host to a determined Longton side who were a bigger team man for man.

Early exchanges saw the home side desperate to give a complete team performance. The pack held strong with rearranged front row, Pete Fitzgerald at Loose head, Dan Blake at hooker and skipper Rich Taylor returning on the tight head. After nine minutes the forwards produced ball with centres Andy and Carl Robinson feeding off Steve Powell to put wing Luke Smith away in the corner for a well earned try.

The home side continued to dominate and provide good ball to the backs.

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Longton fought hard but were penalised twice in the first half which Hooper converted. The visitors came back with a well-deserved try through their forwards.

After 20 minutes a scrum just in the Longton half saw Mark Evans feed Powell, who dummied and passed inside to centre Carl Robinson who broke through the defence, he fed Smith supporting on the wing for a brilliant try.

with Longton fighting back for an unconverted try through their forward power.

This was followed by a penalty for infringement which took the visitors to 16-

with some great driving runs by Loz Breese, Tom Jordan and Pete Fitzgerald. The pres-

half.
Joe Oxford who steamed over for a try.
From the kick off Hales didn't relax, the
frem all doing their bit with more driving
and hard yards made.
Longton were forced to give another
penalty under the pressure, and Steve
Powell converted to give OH a well-deserved
win.

win.

Hales sit fourth in the league with an away game against Newport this week before the Christmas break.

The kick-off 2.15pm and a supporters' gack is grouped.

coach is arranged.

## Cradley Heathens are back

HEATHENS Speedway bosses have reverted to the Cradley Heath name for the

Cradley Heath name for the 2014 season.

It means Cradley Heathens will ride in a competitive league for the first time since 1996 after replacing Dudley.

Management trio Nigel Pearson, Chris Van Straaten and Gary Patchett have also moved to assure fans it doesn't mean the end of their search for a new home their search for a new home

their search for a new home in the area. Heathens were reformed for the 2010 season from the ashes of the old Dudley Wood club – and the Dudley name was used with the intention of securing land in the borough. Pearson has revealed how the decision was taken at a management meeting with co-promoters Chris Van Straaten and Gary Patchett last week. It's a decision which is

Gary Patchett last week.

It's a decision which is sure to go down well with supporters, the majority of which come from the old Dudley Wood days.

Cradley were one of the glamour clubs of the 80s when thousands of fans flocked to the stadium every Saturday.

But when the site was demolished for housing, after one season in exile at Stoke the club closed.

Club chairman Nigel

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Stoke the club closed.
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Pearson said: "We are
agreed as a management
that this is the way forward.
"We used the name
Dudley because we weren't
sure what the response
would be, but it's clear the
majority of our fan base are
from the Cradley days.
"It's fair to say we are
entering a make-or-break
year for the current management to secure a new site - if

year for the current manage-ment to secure a new site – if we don't, then it will be down to the fans to decide whether they want Cradley to continue at Wolverhamp-ton."

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Early exchanges saw the home side des-

wing for a brilliant try.

The second half seemed a closer contest

14. Shortly after this scrum half Nathan Jones was shown a red card by the referee who assessed that Jones had intentionally tried to kick an opposition player, he left the field. This could have been a copy of last week with Evans earlier receiving a yellow card for infringement.

But the home side lifted themselves again with some great driving runs by Loz Breese.

# DK suffer largest league loss in their history

**Dudley Kingswinford Winger Donovan Smiles tries to escape the Sedgley pack** 

Halesowen unlucky not to add to their tally early in the second half as Turner back-ped-alled again to claw out another Griffiths header

MAN-of-the-match Aaron Griffiths grabbed a brace as second-placed Halesowen reeled off a ninth straight

New loan signing Kyle Patterson made an impressive debut in a well-balanced Yeltz line-up and he soon set

home league win.

up Halesowen's first goal by crossing for Griffiths to loop a 16th minute header over goalkeeper Craig Turner.

Lincoln barely troubled the solid Halesowen back-line and the Yeltz piled on the pressure late in the first half with more than a fair share of attempts at

goal.
Iyseden Christie hit wide twice before Jean-Michel Gueyes cut in to force Turner to save which went

Tally

goal.

for a corner.

another Griffiths header from going in the net. Patterson then met Christie's superb 64th minute through ball but was out of luck as he rolled the ball past Turner only for his effort to strike the

Another wave of home ttacks followed as attacks Christie ballooned a point-blank 73rd minute chance

sorre.
But the home defence switched off two minutes later with home goal-keeper Matt Sargeant stranded in no-man's land allowing Brendan McDaid to touch home a close range header for an authol. Freeds.

**Football** 

over the bar. The Yeltz were eventually rewarded with a well-deserved second goal after 84

second goal after 84 minutes.
Griffiths curled a delightful 20-yard shot into the top corner after Neil MacKenzie laid the

ball off for his team mate to

range header for an unlikely Lincoln consolation. Halesowen Town:

Sargeant; Green, Charlton, MacKenzie (Martin 90). Hull (c), Tilt, Gueyes (Jephcott 82), Tonks, Christie, Patter-son (Penney 87), Griffiths. Unused Subs: Kelly,

Unused Subs: Kelly, Pearson (GK).
Lincoln United: Turner; Wilkins (Wilkinson 90), Brown, Reddington, Batchelor, Toyne (c), Cann (Dye 46), McDaid, Langham, Holden, Bowden (Drury 66).
Unused Sub: Newberry.

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tries from a Sedgley Park
pack that were rampant.
Every player in the DK
team gave their all, but the
gulf between the two teams
in terms of experience and
physicality was too wide.
No one epitomised their
effort more than hooker
Luke Greenwood closely
followed by the second row
pairing of Nick Murphy and
skipper Ed Parry.
In the back row joint head
coach Pete Knight led by
example and was ably supported by his colleagues
Danny Hawkins and Sam
Pedley.
The two debutant front
row forwards Ash Newall
and Richard 'Sumo'
Hickman both gave a god
account of themselves.
In the backs young scrum
half Connah Jones belies
his years and gave another
mature performance.
Centres Gareth Bown
and another debutant Josh
Brown had a difficult afternoon against Park's strong
centre, but they never gave
up in their efforts to stem
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